

Meet the Staff



Tom Swenson is a talented performer committed to using theater to bring learning to life and to make positive values relevant in the lives of children of all ages. His acting experience ranges from major roles in semi-professional plays and musicals to work in television and film as well as work behind the scenes.

With a background in psychology, Tom spent over a decade working with special needs children and another ten years in alternative education. At the same time Tom pursued his theater interests. He saw again and again how theater can be a powerful tool for changing lives and for healing.

In 1996, Tom formed Winding Roads Productions. In the coming years he visited 3,000+ schools, performed 5,000+ shows to over one million children. In 2002 he added *Mark Twain Today* to his repertoire, made Las Vegas his home and joined forces with Beth Miller.



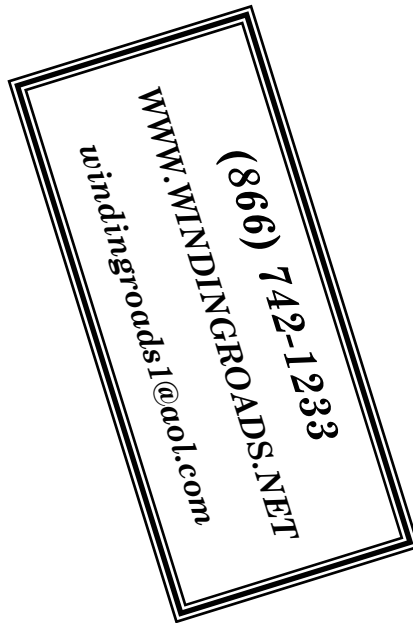
Beth Miller has dedicated 21 years to education as a teacher in public and private schools. She has worked with children in grades K through 12 in the United States and in Europe. She is also certified to teach gifted children.

A frequent presenter at education conferences, Beth has also written several plays and designed countless creative activities for children. Several of her ideas have been published in education magazines and newsletters.

With her varied background at all grade levels, Beth is uniquely qualified to ensure Winding Roads programs reach their targeted audiences, align with the learning objectives of America's schools and remain highly engaging.

In 2006, Beth took a sabbatical from her teaching position to be more involved with WRP and to pursue her writing interests.

In 2006 Winding Roads, Tom, Beth and their two greyhounds moved to Cedar Rapids, IA.



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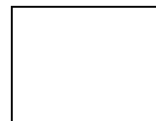
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About Winding Roads

Since 1996, Winding Roads Productions has toured fascinating, high-quality, curriculum-based assembly programs and workshops from coast-to-coast. We are currently based in Iowa, allowing a maximum reach to the American Midwest.

Why Choose Us?

- ◆ **We support YOUR goals.** We tailor each performance to your school's curriculum and to the grade level of each audience.
- ◆ **High-impact experiences.** Our programs are wonderfully entertaining. But, we never forget that the excitement must service the program topic.
- ◆ **Excellent Support materials.** We provide web resources to all our customers. Our programs and materials are designed by an educator for educators.
- ◆ **Affordable.** Our one-person programs allow us to price our programs to meet the restraints of increasingly tight school budgets. For example, our average price for two assemblies is only \$375.

The Hands-On Museum

Bring 1860 to 1910 to life in your school!

We bring this museum to your school with hundreds of objects and over a dozen intriguing activities!

THE REAL DEAL. We have collected an amazing array of items. Many are 100 years old or more! The remainder are quality, reproductions. All fascinate young learners.



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE! All of the senses and “intelligences” are engaged. Everything is designed to be picked up, sensed, used, tried, played with and questioned.

LOTS TO DO! 215 objects representing over **75 separate experiences** are organized into the following stations:

- ◆ **DRESS UP**
- ◆ **SCHOOL DAYS**
- ◆ **DAILY LIFE**
- ◆ **ENTERTAINMENT**
- ◆ **PHOTOGRAPHY**
- ◆ **ICONS OF THE ERA (Twain, Lincoln or Edison)**

Physical requirements: An open area roughly the size of a classroom and 5 tables. Setup and breakdown each take 30 minutes.

Group sizes: Up to 35 students per session. Sessions last between 35-45 minutes each.

Grade Levels: 3rd to 8th graders.

Options:

- ◆ **Scavenger Hunt!** We provide masters for an exciting, special “find it” assignment.
- ◆ **Combine with one of our assembly programs.** Deep discounts available.



Combine with:

Mark Twain Today

Meet Mr. Lincoln

Thomas Edison