Get in the Act! Arts in Action
Performing Arts: Theatre

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Get in the Act! Arts in Action is a dedicated team of professionally trained artists and educators that use theater as a classroom framework to enhance science learning for elementary students. Our Science Theater Program combines dynamic theater techniques with guided-inquiry so that students connect key science concepts to their everyday world. Because students dramatize science questions with their peers in memorable scenes, they can learn and retain the art and science content associated with these scenes. Science Theater offers workshops in earth, physical, and life sciences for grades K-5.

We aim to spark an interest and life-long love of the arts and sciences in children from an early age. Science Theater engages students in the subjects of S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math). Each lesson investigates an intriguing science question through demonstrations, guided-inquiry, and dramatizations that bring kids to the stage to model the science concept. It is particularly effective at reaching the non-traditional learner and educates across all backgrounds, races, and socioeconomic levels. Simultaneously, students build essential life-skills such as self-confidence, teamwork, and respect for education.

Science Theater was created by Diane Handzel, Executive Director and Lead Teaching Artist for Get in the Act. Diane has been immersed in the performing arts since she took her first dance lesson at the age of three. She holds a M.A. in Interdisciplinary Arts Education from Columbia College. Diane has taught at all levels of education; including, The Chicago Children’s Museum, The Chicago Parks District, colleges, and public and private K-12 schools. She has directed and produced over 50 theatrical productions; including, Shakespeare, Musical Theater, Youth, Drama, Comedy, and Melodrama.

School Workshops
Science Theater Lesson Themes: Energy Basics 101: Grades 3-5
Energy: Light and Sound: Grades K-2
Force and Motion: Grades K-5
Magnificent Magnets: Grades K-3
Rock Hounds: Grades K-5
The Plant Life Cycle: Grades K-2
Weather on the Move: Grades K-3
What’s the Matter!: Grades 3-5

Professional Development
Our Professional Development Workshops allow teachers and educators to explore the rich overlap between S.T.E.M. education and the performing arts. Our workshops provide methods for fostering student creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking through this cross-disciplinary approach to learning.