

LITTLE FISH

AN INTERACTIVE SCUPPET PERFORMANCE

Created by Susan Buroker



"This performance was everything it said it was going to be and more. It was not only informational and entertaining but also thought provoking and reflective. It makes one want to be an environmentalist and all around good citizen. It calls us to be mindful and active. Certainly touched me." –**Kathleen Scully**, Educator Sayville School District

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Little Fish is an interactive SCUPPET (large scale sculpted puppet) performance showcasing the effects nitrogen pollution has on aquatic life while teaching ecological awareness, empathy, problem solving, and community.

The performance consists of Scuppet's who represent various species of aquatic life. Among the characters is Nitrogen, whose ever-expanding size is polluting the environment. At first the aquatic life responds by bullying Nitrogen, demanding he go on a diet for the health of the pond. It isn't until further understanding and knowledge, the aquatic characters learn Nitrogen's size isn't his fault and his problems will only be solved if the community works together. Through collective thinking they are able to identify the causes of nitrogen pollution and develop effective solutions. Little Fish, offers the students a new way of tackling environmental and emotional obstacles by breaking down barriers, teaching empathy and encouraging creative thinking.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

- Grade Level: Adapted for K - 12
- Max Audience Size: 200 (adjustable to classroom or auditorium setting)
- Performance Time: 40-45 minutes (including Q & A)
- Set Up Time: 30 minutes
- Teardown Time: 30 minutes
- Required Utilities: Stage or 15'd x 25'w area



KEY LEARNING POINTS:

- What is nitrogen pollution?
- Identify causes of nitrogen pollution with effective solutions.
- Through activism, teaching the power of collective thinking to promote change.
- The affects ecological imbalances have on community.

PERFORMANCE INCLUDES:

- An optional puppet making workshop, where students will create their own puppet, which will be used during the Little Fish performance.
- A 40/45 minute Interactive Scuppet Show. (Including Q&A)
- Q & A where "ideas are discussed, questions raised and possibilities imagined."



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