

# Tom Lanno

Theatre--Acting, Creative Dramatics, Improvisation, Beauty & Stage Makeup, Face Painting, Oral Interpretation & Public Speaking



Tom Lanno's experience and dedication to theatre education are evident after teaching and directing speech and theatre for 33 years at North Plainfield High School in New Jersey before moving to Blowing Rock, North Carolina. While at North Plainfield, he designed and taught a four-year high school speech and theatre program, including courses in Creative Dramatics, Principles of Acting, and Advances Theatre Workshop.

His teaching experience includes acting, directing, theatre history, theatrical literature, creative dramatics, state and beauty makeup, face painting, film choral reading, and Shakespeare. He also provides workshops in scene work, monologues, beauty and stage makeup, public speaking, and oral interpretation.

During his high school teaching career, his students amassed numerous drama awards in acting, improvisation, makeup, and costuming. He has coached 29 recipients of the NC Governor's Awards in the Arts and 5 NJ State Championship drama teams. A number of his students have gone on to professional careers on and off Broadway, in film and in television. Mr. Lanno was named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1991, 2003, and 2004. In 1990, he was named New Jersey's Outstanding Teacher of Speech & Theatre.

Since his retirement to Watauga County, Mr. Lanno is a substitute teacher and has taught makeup to Cosmetology students at Watauga High School. He is also a private teacher of acting, improvisation and makeup.



- ◆ Tom Lanno  
*Theatre*
- ◆ Grade Levels K-12
- ◆ Materials: 10 Beach balls, supplied by Artist if necessary)
- ◆ Available for Residency less than 5 days
- ◆ Available for Community Workshop & Performance