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Puppets, Pens and Performances

International **comedy Ventriloquist** Val Hilliker Calgary and **children's author** Simon Rose team up for *five days of fun and learning* with the students of Terrace Road Elementary School in Calgary from March 3 to 7.

Students will learn how to write, rehearse and perform their own unique dramatic production, developing creative writing skills and learning how to build puppets, study the intricate art and skills required for puppet manipulation and invent wacky and outrageous characters for their creations.

In keeping with Terrace Road's environmental focus during this school year, all puppets will be constructed from recyclable materials and each play will have a theme reflecting environmental issues and concerns. After the children have created the plots, crafted the scripts, written dialogue and honed their acting skills, their very own plays, starring their very own puppet creations, will then be performed on Friday evening in an unforgettable finale for children, teachers and parents.

For further information on *Puppets, Pens and Performances* at Terrace Road Elementary School, please contact Val at (403) 874-5713, Simon at (403) 285-9383 or Principal Mary Ellen Dewar of Terrace Road Elementary directly at (403) 777-6080.

Learn more about Val's ventriloquism, live performances, shows and wonderful world of puppets at www.ValHilliker.com Full details on Simon's novels, services for writers and school programs can be found at www.simon-rose.com.