

# *Melody May Productions*

*The Event Planning Specialists*

**For Outrageous Fun & the Best in Family Entertainment & Education**

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## **Day Care, Nursery School, Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Shows**

Melody May Productions and Melody Newcombe offer a **wonderful series of educational and entertaining shows for children ages 2 to 7 years of age**. These shows are designed to **be interactive, hands-on and mentally stimulating in order for children to discover that learning is fun**.

Melody Newcombe brings a life time of first hand teaching and curriculum development experience together to create a series of exiting fun shows that carry messages and themes appropriate for youthful audiences. Melody's wonderful rapport with children, keeps them actively engaged in the learning process. **Melody knows how to teach a large group of children very effectively by using humor, kindness, praise, encouragement and interesting age appropriate information.**

**Science, Safety and Reading Readiness Shows are offered throughout the year. Theme Shows are season specific. Shows range from 30 to 45 minutes in duration. Call 845-688-5472 today to book a show or for more information contact Melody May Productions at 845-688-5472.**

Read what people say about Melody and her shows:

*"Melody is a one of a kind wonderful experience for children. All children love her loving silly ways. She is so versatile and can adapt to any situation or theme that you may want to explore. Parents and children alike enjoy her teaching entertainment."*

Gigi Panarello, Director of Honey Tree Day Care & Pre-School, Cairo, NY

*"Great Show! The kids loved it and so did the parents."*

David Mason, Glenford, NY

*"The children loved your show! Melody, you kept their interest the whole entire time. Excellent!"*

Jennifer Tallent, Wappinger Falls, NY

*"Your show was great this year. We hope to see you next year. And thanks for having the patients with Brittany."*

Jennifer Ellis, West Hurley, NY

*"Parents and kids both loved your show. You put on a wonderful magic show that really entertains and involves the children."*

Lisa VanSteenburg

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## **Science Shows**

### The Wonderful World of Plants

Melody takes the children on a magical journey into how plants live, grow and propagate. Children learn the value of plants, plant parts and how insects and plants interact. Melody uses surprising magical techniques, puppets, storytelling and hands-on activities to involve everyone.

### Nature in a Basket

Melody and her friendly puppets tell stories about their lives and experiences to help children have compassion while learning about the myriad of critters with which we share our Earth.

## **Safety Shows**

### Don't Go To Strangers

This show serves to offer gentle warning about strangers without being graphic or alarming. It shares some scenarios that children should be aware of and gets the children involved in brainstorming to help reinforce safe responses to situations. Melody uses puppets and magic tricks to engage the children in the process.

### Fire and Emergency Safety

Melody teaches important safety tips using Fireman puppets. She will encourage the children to share the information at home with the rest of their families to open discussions on family emergency planning.

## **Reading Readiness Shows**

### Pick A Letter, Any Letter

These are customized shows. Tell us what letters you want to reinforce and teach. Using Flash Cards and lots of fun props, Melody tells stories that utilize what ever letter or letters you want the children to learn about. These shows are lots of fun and the kids and teachers love them.

### Notes, Beats and Rhythms

This fun musical hands-on show gets kids clapping to beats and rhythms and teaches counting, timing and how to follow directions. Then using percussion instruments and musical bells, kids have fun creating music and singing. This is a very popular show that books fast, so book early.

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## **Seasonal Theme Shows**

### Mrs. Santa Claus Holiday Show

This special holiday show features Mrs. Claus who has come to visit from the North Pole. Kids get into the holiday spirit participating in a holiday theme magic show, singing all time favorite carols with the Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Puppet, making a holiday craft, and playing Mrs. Claus' Musical Bells. Lastly, Mrs. Claus collects each child's Wish List to take to Santa's Workshop.

### Winter Wonderland

This is magical storytelling journey that takes the children into the land of winter to learn first hand from animal puppets about what's in the winter woods and the science magic of snowflakes and ice.

### Signs of Spring Spectacular: How Does Your Garden Grow?

This fun program encourages children to use and develop all their senses in order to discover spring and all its wonder. Melody's Mother Nature character uses storytelling, puppets, magic and hands-on activities to help children learn to watch for and discover signs of the changing season.

## **Birthday Party Shows**

### Birthday Party Magic Show

This fun interactive magic show involves everyone and is perfect to help celebrate one or more children's birthdays. Often parents will sponsor this show or centers can sponsor a show each month or season to feature all the children who have their birthday during that time. The birthday child or children each get to be the magician and using a magic wand perform incredible feats of magic, much to everyone's amazement. Billy Bob the Bunny makes his appearance out of his magic top hat to the children's squeals of delight. The magic show features a disappearing cake. The kids have to create a new one by each adding an invisible ingredient. The ingredients get stirred with a magic spoon and poof, right before their amazed wide eyes, appears a beautifully decorated 3 tier cake.

For each show booked, you will receive a poster announcing the show, a letter for the parents, supplemental information and an evaluation form. Our goal is to provide you and your children with excellent programming and presentations. We encourage your feedback and suggestions in order to continually improve our offerings to best serve your educational and entertainment needs. Thank you for your interest and support.

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## Melody Newcombe

Melody has a diverse background of teaching, curriculum development, music, science, science documentary production for television, entertainment and performance. Her educational background is impressive and extensive with elementary education, music and horticultural studies and degrees.

She spent many years teaching second, fourth, and fifth grades and science for public and private schools and outdoor education centers. She taught outdoor education programs for the five elementary Ridgewood Public Schools and was Director of Outdoor Education for Ho-Ho-Kus Public School, NJ.

Melody taught High School Outdoor Education and Science Programs for the Horace Mann School, Bronx, NY John Dorr Nature Lab, Marvelwood School in Cornwall, CT and Vagabond Ranch in Granby, CO. She was a naturalist for the Eliot Pratt Education Center in New Milford, CT; Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY; Tenafly Nature Center, Greenbrook Sanctuary and Flat Rock Brook Nature Center Association in NJ.

She has lectured extensively on science and nature topics to school assemblies in Cos Cob, Darien and Greenwich, CT as well as schools throughout Northern NJ.

Melody has been featured on network television repeatedly with her science documentaries "The Hidden World of Insects" with National Geographic Society on CBS-TV; "Dining Out on Edible Wild Foods" for WNET-TV; "The Cicada Story" NBC-TV. She has been on National Public Radio numerous times talking on topics of home and alternative schooling, environmental sciences and community supported agriculture.

In 1993, she took up a new career direction into clowning, music and magic. She attended Berklee College of Music for jazz, ensemble, music theory and percussion. She studied clowning with Glenn "Frosty" Little of Ringling Brothers, mime with Jose Rivera, magic with Brad Ross, Carlos, Sammy Smith, David Bartlett, David Ginn, and many other greats. Melody developed her vocal skills studying opera with Danielle Woerner, jazz with Robert Rizzo and Broadway style with Gordon Cook.

Melody Newcombe is a member in good standing with Clowns of America International, the Society of American Magicians, their local #35 Al Baker Assembly, the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, Shandaken Women's Network and Business Women's Focus Group.

Check out more about Melody at [Http://www.melodynewcombe.com/](http://www.melodynewcombe.com/). Call her at 845-688-5472 to book educational and entertainment shows to suit your theme and audience.