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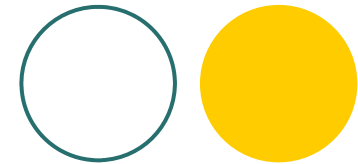
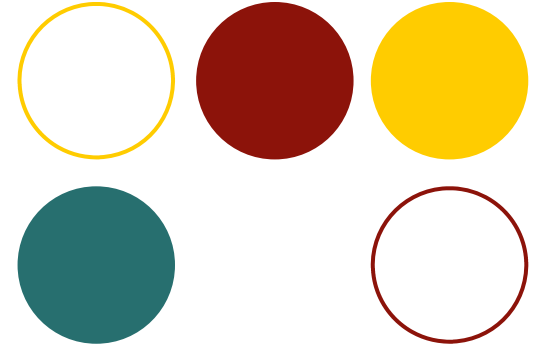
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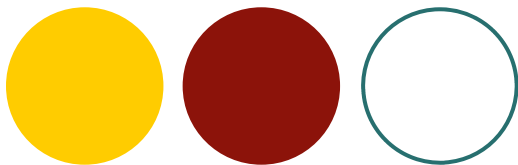
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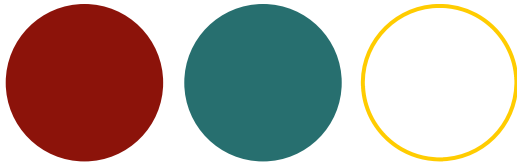


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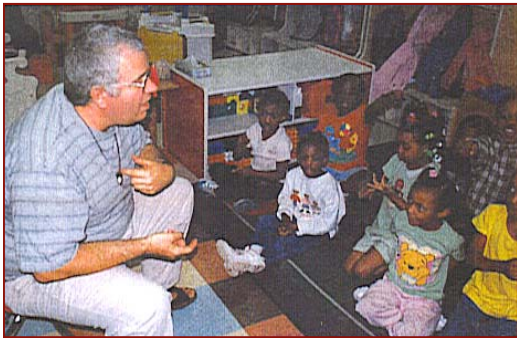
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Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts

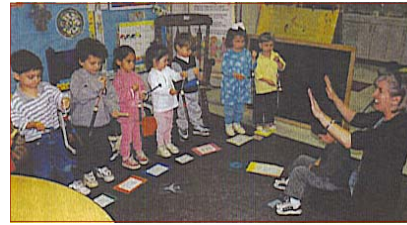
The Wolf Trap Institute is a program of the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, a world-renowned cultural organization with programs that reach millions on the local, national and international level. Located just outside of Washington, D.C. in Vienna, Virginia, Wolf Trap is a national park dedicated to the performing arts.

Founded in 1981, the Wolf Trap Institute places professional performing artists in classroom residencies to work with children three to five years old, along with their teachers and parents/families through the disciplines of drama, music and movement.



Delta Wolf Trap

In 2003, Crittenden Arts Council was awarded Delta Wolf Trap to serve as the Early Learning Through the Arts program for the region. Like the rich soil of the delta, the area is rich with teaching artists who bring growth through the arts into the classroom



What is a Wolf Trap Residency?

A classroom residency is a partnership between a Wolf Trap Artist and an early childhood educator working together to create new and effective performing arts activities for use in the preschool or kindergarten classroom.

The Seven Week Residency includes:

- An artist working with 3-5 year old children (maximum of 20 per class) and their teachers;
- Fourteen 30 minute sessions per classroom (two per week);
- Teacher/Artist planning meetings;
- And parent/family workshops.



Classroom Materials

Each classroom served receives a volume of performing arts activities appropriate for preschoolers, with pre-recorded songs and musical accompaniment.

Program Evaluation

Studies have shown that the arts can provide powerful teaching strategies capable of helping children learn skills that serve as part of the foundation for all future learning. The Wolf Trap Institute benefits from current research and the findings of a four year study conducted by Harvard University's Project Zero.

The Harvard study documented the positive impact of Wolf Trap Institute Services on teachers, students and classroom culture. Dr. Bruce Torff of Project Zero states that the Wolf Trap Institute's program:

- Proves engaging to the children, setting the stage for sustained learning;
- Fosters cognitive growth in relation to specific curriculum objectives, and more generally, in terms of memory abilities;
- Fosters emotional growth and self-esteem;
- And, provided a good vehicle for teaching cultural traditions.

