



Family Participation Guide

COMPAS presents:

Peace Poetry with Marie Olofsdotter

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About the residency:

Look at the world through the eyes of a poet, through the lens of peace. Reflect on the idea of peace and create poems rich in imagery. Students will be inspired by the poetry of Alberto Blanco, N. Scott Momaday, Langston Hughes and others. Students will learn forms and prompts that will help them celebrate and better understand peace in their own words. Poetry is a heart and soul language, and students are guided in expressing their own unique voice. Creative visualization, drawing and journaling are used to inspire the writing.

About Marie Olofsdotter:

Marie Olofsdotter is a Swedish-born interdisciplinary artist who has worked as a freelance mask-maker and performer in Stockholm, Paris, Berlin and Minnesota. She is the award-winning author and illustrator of several picture books, including *Sofia and the Heartmender*, honored by a Mid-America Publishers Award and a Midwest Book Achievement Award. Marie has visited India on several occasions to inform the creation of a series of unique Artist's Books. She has shared her love of creativity as a teaching artist in schools throughout Minnesota for the last 15 years.

Vocabulary:

Figurative language: all language that involves figures of speech or symbolism and does not literally represent real things

Metaphor: a word or phrase for one thing that is used to refer to another thing in order to show or suggest that they are similar

Pattern: repeating sentence patterns, organization in writing structure

Suggested family discussion questions:

What is your poem about?

What writing process did you use?

What poetry tools did you use? How did these tools help you?

Further information and Books: St. Paul Public Library:

- COMPAS archives, *My Mind Can See in the Night: Selected Works From the COMPAS Writers & Artists in the Schools Program 2004-2005* / edited by Sarah Fox and illustrated by Marie Olofsdotter.
- *Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night* / written by Joyce Sidman; illustrated by Rick Allen.
- *Sofia and the Heartmender* / written and illustrated by Marie Olofsdotter.

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