

“Her voice and face come alive when she begins to tell a story. Using imagination and creativity, she weaves words into stories that teach and entertain.”

— Kim Becknell Williams | The Charlotte Observer

“Lona has a natural gift to bring stories alive filled with great imagination and creativity. Her work is very interactive and filled with collaborative lessons that teach what our teachers are working on in their curriculum.”

— Frank Casstevens | Benton Heights Elementary School of the Arts



“Lona Bartlett is the best storyteller for vivid descriptions and creativity that will keep any audience interested and attentive. She has the talent to make literature of any type dynamic.”

— Dr. Perry Spann, Founder and President | The American Literary Society for Higher Education

“She makes her puppets come to life with the children as she interacts and teaches the students. She commands the attention of the students in a simplistic manner as she manipulates her puppets. I think she is one of the best presenters from Blumenthal and I thoroughly enjoy every visit she makes.”

— Judy Pickett | Parent Community Involvement Coordinator



“I highly recommend Lona as a teaching artist in your school or organization. She has many strengths, including her student-centered approach, her willingness and ability to create new lessons as requested by teachers, and her positive go-get-‘em attitude, that will enable her to be an asset to any school or organization. In the words of one of the teachers she worked with last year: Lona never disappoints!”

— Michelle Youngs, Assistant Director of Education | Blumenthal Performing Arts Center

“Wow...I was very impressed with Lona’s storytelling! Lona needs to be on Jimmy Fallon. The students were very engaged in her presentation. I really enjoyed it.”

— Libby Winthrow, Charlotte Mecklenburg Arts & Science Council

“Lona inspires our students to reach above and beyond their potential. We love when she comes to our school.”

— Connie Foster, Talent Development Teacher | Idlewild Elementary School, Charlotte, NC

“It was wonderful to have Mrs. Bartlett visit our school. She engaged the entire audience throughout her storytelling performances. The themes and curriculum connections were perfect. Very professional and a master of her craft!”

— Brian Kothe, Music Teacher | Piney Grove Elementary School, Charlotte, NC

“Thank you for such a marvelous performance —all the students, from the pre-kindergartners to the tenth graders, were mesmerized. Many people were sure there were several people behind the curtain and were so surprised to find one very talented lady doing it all. Your background in teaching and storytelling shines, and we appreciate the excellence of the program you brought us.”

— Chester Caswell, Principal | Adventist Christian Academy Charlotte,NC

“Lona, thank you so much! Our students were beaming with excitement as you made the stories come to life! What a gift you have! Several students commented, “You are the best storyteller ever!”, and I agree. This is a day Daisy Elementary will not forget!”

— Debra Rogers, Daisy Elementary, Loris SC, Media Specialist

“Lona, I wanted to thank you for coming to Hunter Huss High School and teaching the Early Childhood Education students about puppetry. You went above and beyond to provide an awesome leaning opportunity that the students loved! They all commented to me about how your ideas for incorporating the puppets in they classroom were so practical, useful, and inspiring. You taught them so much that could be used as a wonderful teaching tool in the classroom. We also really enjoyed the story you shared. You are a very talented storyteller. I truly am grateful that you shared your knowledge with my students and hope to see you again!”

— Kristina Cope Hunter Huss High School Early Childhood Education Teacher