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WORKSHOP

## **Language of Theatre**

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In my work as an applied theatre director, I teach people how to express what they want to say to an audience—to tell stories—using a “language of theatre” that relies on rich visual imagery to create vivid performances. In this participatory workshop, I will introduce and demonstrate a variety of the concepts and staging techniques that I use, including Bertolt Brecht's *Gest*; projection of light and shadows, and use of the power of ordinary “found” objects to evoke meaning. We will then draw on the expertise of all the workshop members in a co-learning laboratory to discuss and investigate how these theatrical staging techniques may be applied in the classroom as prompts for encouraging verbal and written expression.