

ROONEY AND PUNYI EDUCATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Interview History



Sir John A. Macdonald
(1815 - 1891)
First Prime Minister of Canada
Father of Confederation



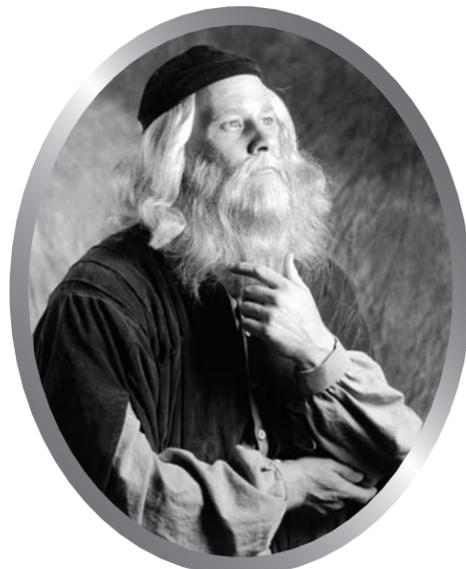
Nellie McClung
(1873 - 1951)
Canadian Suffragist, Politician, Author
One of the Famous Five



Pierre Elliott Trudeau
(1919 - 2000)
15th Prime Minister of Canada



Louis Riel
(1844 - 1885)
Leader of the Métis Nation



Leonardo da Vinci
(1452 - 1519)
Artist, Scientist,
Anatomist, Inventor



Irene Parlby
(1868 - 1965)
Canadian Suffragist, Politician
One of the Famous Five



Samuel de Champlain
(1570 - 1635)
Explorer, Map Maker
Father of New France



William Shakespeare
(1564 - 1616)
Playwright, Poet



Catherine The Great
(1729 - 1796)
Empress of Russia

*Invite one of these
history makers into
your classroom for
a riveting half hour
interview/performance
followed by a
question/answer.*



V. I. Lenin
(1870 - 1924)
Bolshevik Revolutionary Leader



Hats & Gloves, Hard Work & Dreams

6 Hats boxes, 1 slide show, 6 inspirational, moving stories from the real life women who shaped our prairie towns and cities. (Both 30 min or 60 min shows available.)

MEET THE ACTORS



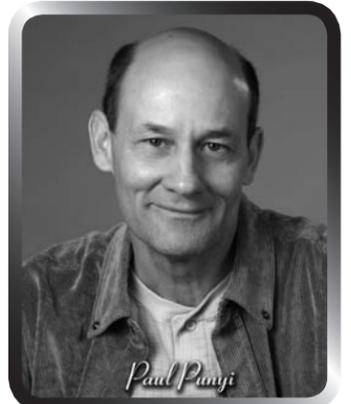
Maureen Rooney
Actor/Artistic Director/Writer

For over 30 years these highly skilled professionals have acted with some of the finest Theatre companies in the country including:

Stratford	Chinook	Alberta Theatre Projects	Globe	Workshop West
Mime Unltd.	Theatre Direct	Fringe Theatre Adventures	YK Actors Studio	Citadel
Theatre Calgary	Nexus	Northern Light	One Yellow Rabbit	Lunch Box
Shadow Theatre	Free Will Players	Mayfield Dinner Theatre	Catalyst Theatre	Prime Stock Theatre
Theatre Network	Stage Polaris	Kam Theatre Lab	Phoenix Theatre	Stage West

They have also done TV, Radio and Film with:

CBC	YTV	National Film Board	ACCESS	ITV
CFRN	Turner Network	CFTO Toronto Family	Family Channel	TV Ontario
Vicom	Videotron	National Screen Institute	Shaw	Illusions Entertainment
Image Works	Minds Eye	Life Works / Alberta Film	Media 8 Prod.	Tom Stone Prod.
Global	Christmas Tree Films			



Paul Punyi
Actor/Artistic Director/Writer

Since 1997, each year thousands of students and educators have made interview History a school tradition

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"it works! The class of young people is riveted"
Colin MacLean CBC TV

"A textbook come to life right before their eyes. The kids sure liked the performance. The more they watch, the more they feel they know them" Gil Tucker Global Calgary

"Learning about the past from a textbook doesn't cut it. When these actors come in, it brings history to life. When class is over, many can't believe these historical characters aren't real, and can't wait to learn more." Catherine McDonald CFRN

EDUCATORS

"They have fascinated students at our school for over 10 years. The historical content, and personal insights on the characters they portray, is as informative as they are entertaining. We will continue to use "Interview History" as an important part of our units." C. Harding, Calgary teacher

Interview History is a fantastic way to bring the curriculum to life. Through costumes, props, accents and conversation, students can appreciate the challenges and perspectives of significant people from the past. In my experience, the best way to make humanism meaningful and relevant to young people is to meet Da Vinci himself!" Erin Pruski, Edmonton Teacher

We are always pleased with in school opportunity offered by Interview History. The program is Curricular aligned, the least disruptive field trip going, as well as a valuable resource for students working on Heritage, Renaissance, and government projects.
Pat Proudfoot, Edmonton, Teacher

"As a social studies teacher, I believe that teaching history cannot rely solely on textbooks. History and Social Studies relate to real people who have had a significant impact on their society. By having Her Highness Catherine the Great meeting with my students, by having Lenin in my classroom, smashing the desk with his iron fist. Russian history became alive and meaningful for my students."
P. Rousseau St. Albert Teacher/VP

"I bring them in every year! Their excellent, dramatic program helps many of my students transcend the realm of name date event. I applaud the insight passion, and humour of your performances. BRAVO!" H. Chorley Edmonton Teacher

"Our students were spellbound! Paul and Maureen's research on their characters has been carefully completed, their writing is excellent, their acting superb. Their visits enrich the curriculum and are an extension to what we have learned in class." V. Nathanson Edmonton Teacher

"Extensively researched accurate and appropriate for junior and senior high school students. I cannot express strongly enough the power that a dramatic performance like this has on captivating students." C. Stratulat Calgary Teacher

Pure genius in presentation and totally interactive! Leonardo da Vinci comes to life with all of his Renaissance persona and humanistic worldview. G. Marrelli Edmonton Teacher

Interview History brings history and the curriculum alive, and challenges our students to engage in critical thinking. The performances have always had our students captivated and enthralled. Hilda Mah – Teacher Librarian, Edmonton

"Interview History" is a most effective way to motivate student interest. The social studies are enhanced by "Interview History." Highly professional and entertaining.
Ross Munro, Drayton Valley, Teacher

"A very personal and theatrical means to bring historical characters to life that I would highly recommend."
G. Berry Edmonton Teacher

"Their characters are extremely well researched and their attention to detail in costuming, voice and gesture make these historical figures truly come alive. It is a very important teaching strategy that every school should have the opportunity to utilize." P. Nolan Calgary Teacher/Principal

"What a brilliant way to expose and engage students to Canadian or Renaissance history. Interview History is my way to time-travel with my students to places in the past and view the stories from the point of view of historical individuals. Students sit captivated. They wait in anticipation of future performances." Ksenia Fedyna, Edmonton Teacher

The Interview History performances have been an integral part of our Social Studies Program for years! It is as if these historical figures have actually walked into our 21st Century classrooms to share their stories. The intensity of the performances totally engages our young audiences and truly makes history "come alive" for our students! Barb Biggs, Curriculum Coordinator

"The interviews are interesting and informative for both teachers and their students. Students experience an interactive connection with important characters from the past and realize that they were real live people!"
Darlene Zuk-Wodinski, Edmonton Teacher

"Paul and Maureen inspire my students to love Canadian history! Their enthusiasm for their subject, and their ability to connect with my elementary students, enables my students to understand some very challenging historical materials. Paul and Maureen truly bring these historical characters to life! I simply can't teach Canadian history without bringing in John A., Nellie and Louis Riel!" A. Daly St. Albert Teacher

A lesson my students won't forget, totally engaging. A real step back into history and a fascinating glimpse into what we were. The students wish Rooney and Punyi could be here every day. Their historical figures come to life and make history the "real deal". Helps make the textbook come to life. Students were excited for weeks after the presentation. A great motivational tool for all types of learners and encourages teachers to further engage their students with motivational classes. John Leavens – Teacher, Calgary

Bringing history alive in the classroom is powerful for students. They are in the moment as they listen to the stories first hand. Interview History is a fabulous resource to help junior high teachers teach and their students learn the importance of history, worldview, and governance. Jill Germain – Teacher, Edmonton

Wow! Thanks again for bringing history to life for my students. Your portrayals of Louis Riel and Nelly McClung vividly assist the students' understanding of how our Canadian democracy's ideals of fairness have evolved. Please continue to keep up the good work.
Theresa Doherty, Leduc Teacher

Over the years, I have seen or participated in most of the "Interview History" performances and have really appreciated the way in which the actors truly do bring history alive. The productions are engaging, informative and give the students insights that are hard to learn from a textbook, video or teacher lecture. Gayle Monsma, Principal

Through and incredible performance, Rooney and Punyi immediately brought to life an essential period of time where students are able to hear their stories and ask questions. These performances from master actors enhance the social studies curriculum and actively engage students in ways difficult for a classroom teacher to create. Joseph Filiptic, Edmonton Teacher

"Our school has had the many characters of Rooney and Punyi speak to students in Gr. 7, 8 and 9 on many occasions in the last decade. Always so professional and well prepared they provide an excellent "other view" for children who learn best through the performing arts."
C. Andrews Sherwood Park Teacher

My students loved Nellie McClung. By bringing a significant person like Nellie McClung to meet and influence our students with powerful personality and recall of meaningful events the students connect on a much stronger level. With research to prepare and a reflection to wrap up, this was a very effective history study, all centered around the skillful drama of Maureen Rooney. Marlene Ironside – Teacher, Lacombe

"The Interview History" performances bring relevant historical characters to life. Our students study these characters but they do not seem "real" until they actually see them in action. They are thrown back in time and actually "feel" what the character might have experienced during their lifetime. They are performances that students definitely remember and that, in the classroom, we talk about long after they are witnessed." M Paterson. Calgary Teacher

I have only heard wonderful, positive comments from my students This was an exceptional learning experience, and I had a fun time too!
Joanne Wynn, Edmonton Teacher

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Suitable for Grades 4 -12, College and University.

Also available from Rooney and Punyi Productions Ltd.
Rooney Punyi Reading Shows (K-6).

Artist in Residencies (K-12): Physical Theatre, Language Arts
Improv, Literacy on Stage.