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***Voices from Nature* is a 'must-see' for all educational programs!**

Stella Pulo and her team of artists are open to the inquisitive minds of children and have crafted a stunning performance piece, suitable for all settings, that can be crafted to meet the needs of any programming or curriculum. They are professional, caring and absolute masters of their craft. The journey that one takes while witnessing *Voices from Nature*, speaks to so many of the current topics being explored in schools, most notably sustainability, diversity/equity/inclusion work, and building capacity for social/emotional development.

The original poems crafted by Ms. Pulo, are heartwarming, funny, unique, and relatable to children of all ages (including the teachers in the audience!). We were fortunate enough to book Ms. Pulo and her arts team for a special day in our school in which we suspend classes in order to engage in a school-wide day of learning about activism and justice. Ms. Pulo's compelling performance drew our students into her world, where they were viscerally made to think about the objects in nature around them. This aligned with our theme of sustainability, and creating and maintaining a 'community of care' in our school. After the performance, so many of our students were inspired and activated, as evidenced by the throng of young people who had to be pulled away from the performers afterward. They had so many questions for the artists and wanted to connect with them!

There were many continuing conversations throughout the day in other workshop spaces, and our students are now thrilled to be able to walk past the beautiful piece of art the *Voices from Nature* team gifted our school at the end of the performance. The children feel that they were a part of this special creation, and it serves as a living reminder of our community of care vision, and the ethos of our school. What a treasure!!

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