

ABOUT ROHINI VIJ

Rohini Vij is a certified storyteller from The Academy of Storytelling, Kathalaya, Bangalore. [Affiliated to the International Institute of Storytelling, Tennessee, USA, Scottish Storytelling Centre-UK, University of Skovda, Sweden.]

She is a keen orator, actor and voice over artist; and has conducted various storytelling sessions in schools across the country. She brings with her experience from diverse fields including Marketing, Corporate Communication, Publishing, Public Relations, Films, Radio and Education.

She has acted in plays staged at the national level and broadcast on TV. She has lent her voice to various documentary, corporate, animation films.

She is a certified member of The International Storytelling Network (RIC).

She runs a storytelling centre by the name of NutSpace in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh

About NutSpace

NutSpace was setup in December 2013.

Using the art of storytelling, NutSpace is devoted to teaching through stories. The sessions comprise a dramatised story by Rohini, thematic art and craft activities, music and body movements. Apart from stories for recreation, the centre offers Science stories, stories for vocabulary and language development, Maths and Social Science stories, stories for life skills among others. The focus of the centre is to make learning fun, hands-on and lifelong.

The curriculum at NutSpace is designed to foster cross-curricular and inter-disciplinary learning thereby making learning effective as well as developing the 8 intelligences of a child. According to Professor Howard Gardner, of Harvard University, these are the eight intelligences:

1. Linguistic: Fluency with words
2. Logical-mathematical: an ability with numbers and logic
3. Musical: including rhyme and rhythm
4. Visual-spatial: strong in architects and sculptors
5. Bodily-physical: strong in sports stars
6. Interpersonal (or social): the ability to communicate well and be sympathetic
7. Intrapersonal (or introspective): the ability to plan ahead and reflect on past experiences.
8. A naturalist intelligence: having an affinity with nature

Programmes offered at NutSpace:

- ♦ *Mums & Bubs Happy 'Story' Hour (12 months - 3 yrs):* Focusses on raising readers, language development, exploring textures, sounds, colours and more through stories. Overall development of communication and motor skills through art, craft, and sensory play.
- ♦ *Story time (4 yrs & above):* Focusses on learning through stories; with an emphasis on comprehension, recall, vocabulary building, language development, enhancing confidence, and overall development through art, craft, story-boarding, role-play, voice projection and more.

- ✦ *Personality development through dramatics & storytelling (5 yrs & above):* Voice modulation, voice projection, body language, dance drama, dramatising, extempore, role-play, learning to create, recall & tell stories.
- ✦ *The Art of storytelling in the classroom (Educators/librarians) :* Learning and teaching through stories, making learning and lessons fun and engaging by way of stories. Voice modulation & projection for educators, exercises to overcome inhibitions, and emerge as confident teachers and storytellers.
- ✦ *The Art of Business Storytelling (Corporates, team leaders):* How to use stories as a powerful business tool to inspire and engage your team members? Learning the art of storytelling to communicate and connect with various publics of the company.

Rohini Vij - past experience

PROFESSIONAL THEATRE

Yatrik [March 2007 - September 2007]

- Participated in the play Blood Wedding written by Federico Garcia Lorca
- The play was directed by renowned actor and playwright Kusum Haidar
- The play was staged twice at The India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- The play was also re-enacted for The Lok Sabha Television and telecast on prime time TV

Enlighten Professional & Personal Growth [July 2008 - July 2010]

- Freelance acting/theatre work for Enlighten Professional & Personal Growth
- This was for the 'Enneagram' workshops conducted by Nandini Gulati for Coca Cola, India
- Played nine different characters each depicting a personality type

VOICE OVER

She has lent her voice to various documentary, corporate, and animation films including Max New York Life Insurance [December 2005], Adhaar Charitable Trust's documentary film 'Life is Calling' [November 2005], Government of Uttar Pradesh's documentary film Textiles of Benaras [June 2006], among others.

CREATIVE WRITING / PUBLICATIONS

Is currently working on an anthology '**A Frog in My Throat and other stories**' - collection of ten short stories to be published by *Aksamala*.

Has authored a picture book for children 'A Silver Lining' which is being published by *Aksamala* to be launched soon.

Professional background

Assistant Manager at Perfect Relations, New Delhi: 2006 - 2007

Assistant Manager Marketing, Publicity and Events at Scholastic India, New Delhi: 2007-2010

Deputy Manager Corporate Communication & CSR at Jindal SAW Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi: 2010-2012

Education

School Of Convergence, New Delhi [2004-06]

Post Graduate Diploma in Content Creation and Management.

Specialization: Media Management.

St Bede's College, Shimla (Gold medalist, Economic Honours) - 72% [2001-04]

Auckland House School, Shimla [ISC] - 75.25% [2001]

Convent of Jesus & Mary, Shimla [ICSE] - 80% [1999]