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PATTY PETREY DEES, *Distance Learning Program Director*

Patty Petrey Dees established the Center for Puppetry Arts' IVC studio in 1998 and worked with teachers to develop dynamic, hands-on IVC programs that adhere to state and national standards in fine arts, sciences, language arts, and social studies. Ms. Dees served as an artist-in-residence, Outreach Coordinator, and Education Director for the Center prior to her distance learning director position. She also served as chair of the K-12 GSAMS Resource Group from 1999-2002, working with other content providers to address network issues, school participation, and collaborative programs. Most recently, she directed the Center's transition off the state network to an IP and ISDN based system allowing for direct connections across the nation and beyond. Nearly 80,000 students and teachers in 35 states and 3 countries have participated in the Center's IVC programs.

Ms. Dees IVC career is preceded by 14 years of non-profit arts in education work at the Mint Museum of Art, Museum of the New South and California Language Institute in Kitakyushu, Japan. She has served as a panelist and presented teacher workshops across the nation at national puppetry and distance learning conferences, in school systems, and libraries. She is a member of the National Distance Learning Association and International Society for Educational Communications and Technology. She currently serves on the Content Provider Advisory Board for the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration.

Ms. Dees has a B.A. in Art History from Queens College (now called Queens University).

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