ArtSmart Theatre Focus 2006-2007

Little Donkey
Music by Nick Bult – Puppets by Karen Beens
Performed by Theatre Terra, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Study Unit dates:  Deadline to withdraw – Wednesday, October 4, 2006
Teacher Refreshers – Thursday, October 26, 4:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 28, 9:30 - noon
Consultation Sessions – Monday–Friday, October 30 –
November 3
TA Visits begin Monday, November 6, 2006

Performances:  TPAC’s James K. Polk Theater
10:30 – 11:30 am, no intermission
Monday-Friday, December 4 – 8, 2006

This award-winning Amsterdam ensemble is recognized worldwide for original musicals adapted from children’s literature. Storms are brewing as Little Donkey’s adventures begin. When the wind wrecks his home, good friends come to the rescue and restore Ma Donkey’s laundry shop from chaos. From flying a kite with Yakky, to meeting up with the mysterious Marabou, Little Donkey continues to learn about the importance of friends. With a seamless blend of puppetry, imaginative stagecraft and accomplished acting, the theme of friendship shines with clarity, integrity and humor throughout the heartwarming story. Adapted from books by Rindert Kromhout and Annamarie van Haeringen, the musical is staged in the tradition of Japanese Bunraku: people-puppet theatre.