

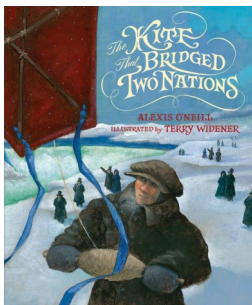
California Reading Association

presents

Painting with Songs: A Picture Book Musical for Children

featuring

PAUL BOYD-BATSTONE AND ALEXIS O'NEILL



Inspired by the award-winning picture book, *The Kite That Bridged Two Nations* by Alexis O'Neill, Paul Boyd-Batstone composed a musical for kids to perform. Together, Paul and Alexis show their processes for composing picture book text and songs from a true story, and share ways for connecting literature and music and encouraging creativity and personal expression in the classroom.

Free Musical Resource Kit available. For all grade levels.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS



Paul Boyd-Batstone, PhD., teacher educator, bilingual teacher, and composer, has created musicals from children's literature, including *The Great Kapok Tree* and *The Kite That Bridged Two Nations*. He is the author of *Teaching ELLs to Read* (Routledge-Eye on Education) and a professor emeritus at CSU Long Beach.
<https://paulboydbatstone.com/>



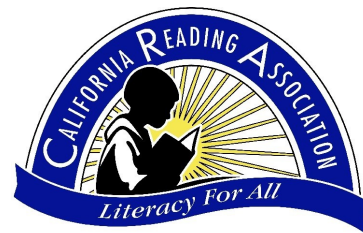
Alexis O'Neill, PhD., is the author of *The Recess Queen*, *The Kite That Bridged Two Nations: Homan Walsh and the First Niagara Suspension Bridge*, and *The Efficient, Inventive (Often Annoying) Melvil Dewey*, among others, and is an instructor for the UCLA Extension Writers' Program.
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ABOUT THE BOOK & MUSICAL

The Kite That Bridged Two Nations, a lyrical telling of a young boy's persistence in the face of great challenges, was honored with a EUREKA! Silver Award from CRA, a Crystal Kite Award from the Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators, and was a California Young Reader Medal nominee. Download a FREE MUSICAL RESOURCE KIT by Paul Boyd-Batstone and Billy Batstone that includes sheet music, a Teachers' Performance Guide, and song tracks- one with vocals and one with instrumentals-only - at <https://thekitemusical.com/>

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