

LITERATURE – HUMANITIES – STORYTELLING

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EVENT INFORMATION

6 + 1 WRITING FUN

6+1 Writing Fun is an upbeat "LIVE ACTION" language arts elementary school assembly program. Scripted by one of the nation's top six-traits specialist; 6+1 Writing Fun has been designed to keep children entertained and engaged while learning at the same time. Students from Kindergarten through 6th grade are exposed to all 6+1 writing traits (Ideas to Presentation) with interactive examples of how the traits apply to their own compositions. The 6+1 Writing Fun show is NOT a passive learning experience; each presentation requires audience interaction and participation. Students learn by seeing, hearing, and DOING! Hosted by expert speaker and children's entertainer, Greg Carter, 6+1 Writing Fun mixes kid friendly comedy, magic and music to enhance the learning experience. *45 minutes of fun-filled educational programming that promises to get your students excited about writing.*

THE RAINFOREST RANGER: AN EXPEDITION IN READING

This is a multi-faceted program involving live animals, comedy, magic, and music by a very dynamic performer who is considered one of the best children's entertainers in the State by Parent Magazine's Best of the Best. The program introduces and educates children on various types of animal life while also emphasizing literacy and benefits of reading. Also emphasized are areas of character related traits such as respect, honesty, etc. Educational packets for students are provided to teachers prior to arrival.

CONTACT:

Sheila Carter

STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:

\$450.00 performance; \$600 for 2 same day, \$750 for 3 same day

EVENT DATE:

September 2008 – May 2009

EVENT TIMES:

During School hours

EVENT LOCATION:

Your School Auditorium, Theatre, or Gymnasium

APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:

Kindergarten – Grade 6

LENGTH OF PROGRAM:

45 minutes to 1 hour

DENNIS BOGGS: MEET MR. LINCOLN

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ARTIST INFORMATION

As a fulltime profession for almost 9 years, Dennis Boggs has been presenting Abraham Lincoln for schools, colleges & universities, churches, civic groups, and other special events all over the nation. He has been featured on several public broadcast programs, and he has even had the honor and privilege of presenting President Lincoln at "The Lincoln Memorial" in Washington, D. C. Mr. Boggs has researched countless books and papers and has diligently designed an inspiring and powerful presentation, which gives an enlightening, informative, and educational look at the life of the 16th President of the United States, just as if it were told by Abraham Lincoln himself. It is an experience that is sure to be indelibly imprinted on the minds of listeners both young and old.

EVENT INFORMATION

MEET MR. LINCOLN

"Meet Mr. Lincoln" makes history and learning come to life. Audiences of all ages are absolutely spellbound as they are literally being transported back in time, listening to President Lincoln share his life story, starting with his birth in the wilderness of Kentucky, to his early years in Indiana, to his growth in Illinois, and then to his years as President during the American Civil War. Students are greatly engaged and extremely enthralled throughout the program, as it expresses much laughter, love, humor, forgiveness, character, principles, morals, and determination.

<u>CONTACT:</u>	Dennis Boggs – (615) 874-8028 – www.meetmrlincoln.com
<u>STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:</u>	\$250.00 for one program / \$350.00 for two programs / \$500.00 for four programs, plus mileage and travel expenses when applicable (please see website).
<u>EVENT DATE:</u>	2008-2009
<u>EVENT TIMES:</u>	During school hours or evening programs
<u>EVENT LOCATION:</u>	School auditorium, theatre, or gymnasium
<u>APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:</u>	Kindergarten – 12th Grade (adapted for age appropriateness)
<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM:</u>	30 minutes followed by 15-30 minutes Q&A Workshop

ROGER DAY

Loyd Artists (Peggy Baldwin, Artist Representative)

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ARTIST INFORMATION

Roger Day writes and performs smart, interactive music that encourages kids to SING LOUD, JUMP HIGH and DREAM BIG! A two-time Parents' Choice Award recipient and an approved Dove Family Foundation artist, Roger plays over 200 concerts every year. His songs can be heard on XMKids satellite radio, and his family concert video recently made its debut on public television.

EVENT INFORMATION

DREAM BIG!

Roger Day's new concert and CD, "Dream Big!" is infused with wry and silly observations about the world around us and fun word play that tickles kids' funny bones and moves them to think. Roger's concerts are action-filled adventures that exercise both mind and muscle; both body and brain. Roger Day keeps his young audiences involved and captivated. His infectious-fun concerts inspire each child to discover his and her own talents, give flight to the imagination, and to DREAM BIG!

<u>CONTACT:</u>	Peggy Baldwin, Loyd Artists 800-476-6240
<u>STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:</u>	\$600.00 per show for up to 400 students \$1.50 per student for 400/\$2.00 per student for 300
<u>EVENT DATE:</u>	September 2008 – August 2009
<u>EVENT TIMES:</u>	During School hours
<u>EVENT LOCATION:</u>	Your School Auditorium, Theatre or Gymnasium
<u>APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:</u>	Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 6
<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM:</u>	50 minutes (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

THE HERMITAGE

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EVENT INFORMATION

TRAVELING CLASSROOM

*Does your school lack the necessary means and resources to give your students an incredible educational hands-on-experience? If the answer is "YES" we have a solution for you . . . **Let us bring The Hermitage to you!!!*** A Hermitage Educator will come to your school and present a 45 – 60 minute hands-on history class for a minimum of 30 students. The class objectives are in alignment with Tennessee curriculum standards. Students will learn by lecture and discussions, along with group and individual activities to support the lesson. Then an assessment is done at the conclusion of the class with the Classroom Performance System Equipment. **PLEASE NOTE:** This program is available for a minimum of 30 students.

Subjects include: Elections, Then and Now
Trail of Tears
Slavery
Archaeology
The Wars of Andrew Jackson

CONTACT: Tonoa Foster-Freeman tfreeman@thehermitage.com 615-889-2941 ext. 242
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: For Davidson/West Wilson County - \$4.00 per student
For all other Counties - \$4.00 per student plus mileage fee \$.58 per mile
All reservations require a \$50.00 deposit
For Title I School fees, contact Tonoa Foster- Freeman tfreeman@thehermitage.com
EVENT DATE: September 2008 – May 2009
EVENT TIMES: Your school schedule
EVENT LOCATION: Your classroom, auditorium, etc.
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Kindergarten – Grade 12
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 45 minutes – 60 minutes

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EVENT INFORMATION

DEE'S MORE THAN A STORY HOUR

A seasoned storyteller and teacher of creative dramatics, Dee knows how to encourage the creative genius that resides in every student. Using the simplest costume and the student's imagination, Dee can transform the most introverted students into a roaring dragon, a two-headed troll or a knight in shining armor. Dee knows that students who love to read learn to succeed in the classroom so she strives to pass on her enthusiasm for Children's Literature. She can also incorporate creative exercises in her story hours that can extend into writing and language assignments in the classroom.

ONCE UPON A TIME

Visit the world of kings and queens and castles as Dee shares some interactive fairy tales that involve all kinds of creatures. Empowering themes and activities bring fairy tales to life and apply them to real life situations. You might even have a two-headed troll in your class!

BELIEVING IN THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

Combining **personal tales**, *Mr. Willoughby's Christmas Tree* and *The Polar Express*, Dee brings the magic of the holiday season into your school or classroom. This collection of Christmas stories are teacher reviewed and recommended to usher in the true spirit of the holidays.

HALLOWEEN STORY HOUR

This story hour will be a treat to share with your students. Interactive not-scary stories, ideas for fun and simple activities and games . . . it is a party already planned for you and your students!

CUT LOOSE WITH DR. SEUSS

Dressed as the Cat in the Hat, Dee will bring to life the classic stories and fun of Dr. Seuss. This is a fun way to celebrate literacy!

<u>CONTACT:</u>	Dee Kimbrell
<u>STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:</u>	\$250.00 per performance; \$350 two shows back to back; \$500 for all day
<u>EVENT DATE:</u>	September 2008 – May 2009
<u>EVENT TIMES:</u>	During School hours
<u>EVENT LOCATION:</u>	Your School Auditorium, Theatre, or Gymnasium
<u>APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:</u>	Kindergarten – Grade 5
<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM:</u>	45 minutes to 60 minutes

WHAT IS YOUR DREAM? WORKSHOP

What is your dream? That beautiful question opens doors for students to set their goals and standards at the beginning of a school year and/or before stepping into the world of Middle School. This teacher reviewed and recommended workshop is based off the best selling book, DREAM by Susan Bosak. It is a sure way to get your students thinking about how they want to contribute to their classroom and the world.

This workshop:

- Is a dynamic multi-media, interactive presentation
- Provides a platform for each student to set clear goals of what they want to do, character traits they want to embrace, and teaches skills to enhance reaching those goals
- Introduces students to various types of art media used in illustrations and encourages the examination of their effects on the audience.
- Allows students to grasp the "big picture" and see themselves as an important part of society
- Gives students lifelong skills to manifest the character and destiny they want
- Integrates beautifully into established literacy, art, social studies, and character development curriculums.

<u>CONTACT:</u>	Dee Kimbrell
<u>STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:</u>	\$100.00 per classroom for a 1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes workshop, plus travel expenses. Combining more than 2 classrooms per presentations is not recommended for maximum student participation.
<u>EVENT DATE:</u>	September 2008 – May 2009
<u>EVENT TIMES:</u>	During School hours
<u>EVENT LOCATION:</u>	Your School Auditorium, Theatre, or Gymnasium
<u>APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:</u>	Grade 4 – Grade 6
<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM:</u>	1 hour to 1 hour 30 minutes

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EVENT INFORMATION (continued)

CREATIVE WRITING IN THE CLASSROOM WORKSHOP

Dee will work with students at age appropriate levels to help them with creativity and character development. After 10-15 minute instruction time that carries the students through wondering, seeing, sensing and verbally describing an original character, they are guided through a 30 minute hands-on activity will leave students with a developed character to write about. This workshop support skills in language arts, motor skills, sequencing, memory, emotional intelligence, and public speaking in the classroom.

CONTACT: Dee Kimbrell
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$100.00 per classroom; will negotiate price for entire grade level
Travel expenses 50 miles outside of Nashville
EVENT DATE: September 2008 – May 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your School Auditorium, Theatre, or Gymnasium
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Kindergarten – Grade 4
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 1 hour

STORYTELLING WITH CLASS

Dee will work with a classroom (up to 25 children) for a full day to guide them in choosing, rehearsing, and performing a story. Students will participate in activities to help them become better storytellers, performers, writers, and general communicators. These activities include characterization exercises, vocal training, movement/body language, role-playing, active listening and giving feedback and maintaining eye contact. This can be an intensive 6 hour workshop or a one to two week residency program that includes a performance of students for an audience.

CONTACT: Dee Kimbrell
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$500.00 per classroom for a one day workshop; will negotiate price for residency, plus travel expenses.
EVENT DATE: September 2008 – May 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your School Auditorium, Theatre, or Gymnasium
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Grade 3 – Grade 5
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 6 hour workshop

LAINIE MARSH

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ARTIST INFORMATION

Originally from West Virginia, Lainie Marsh holds a Diploma in Professional Music from Boston's Berklee College as well as a Master's in English. Her songs have been recorded by Emmylou Harris and Cerys Matthews, as well as featured on NPR. In addition to being a singer and songwriter, Lainie is a dramatist and author of *Meanest County*, a ballad opera originally presented at the Southern Festival of Books. Lainie's extensive study of literature and related educational issues inform her program with highly insightful approaches to teaching the language arts. Students are involved in the creation of original music and dramatic structures while relating texts to their social worlds. An ultimate goal of Lainie's residencies is to restore dialogism, an element that she feels is too often lacking in K-12 classrooms. **Note:** Residencies can vary in length from one week to six and are budgeted at \$750 per week, in keeping with standards set by the Tennessee Arts Commission. Books and Materials are to be budgeted separately.

EVENT INFORMATION

SHAKIN' SHAKESPEARE

Artist will work with language arts teachers as a teaching artist-in-residence in the development and implementation of arts-integrated lesson plans for the multicultural classroom that reach across the curricula and incorporate grade standards. Blending fantasy and historical fiction with music and the visual arts, this literary circus simultaneously "Shakes" up *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and contemporary YA author Susan Cooper's *King of Shadows*, transporting participants to Elizabethan England and back again. Diversions into dialect and the folksong as living histories of the English language rattle and roll, while the unit ends with a "company" production of its own play within a play, including the creation of 16th century posters and a model of the Globe Theater.

<u>CONTACT:</u>	Lainie Marsh
<u>STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:</u>	\$150 per day or \$750 per week
<u>EVENT DATE:</u>	October 2008 – May 2009
<u>EVENT TIMES:</u>	During School Hours
<u>EVENT LOCATION:</u>	Your school auditorium, gymnasium, or other mutually agreeable location
<u>APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:</u>	Grade 5 – Grade 8
<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM:</u>	1 hour (can be adjusted accordingly)

SPARKY & RHONDA RUCKER

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ARTIST INFORMATION

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker perform throughout the US as well as overseas, singing songs and telling stories from the American folk tradition. Sparky Rucker has been performing over forty years and is internationally recognized as a leading folklorist, musician, historian, storyteller, and author. He accompanies himself with finger-style picking and bottleneck blues guitar, banjo, and spoons. Rhonda Rucker is an accomplished harmonica, piano, banjo, and bones player, and also adds vocal harmonies to their songs. Sparky and Rhonda are sure to deliver an uplifting presentation of toe-tapping music spiced with humor, history, and tall tales. They take their audience on an educational and emotional journey that ranges from poignant stories of slavery and war to an amusing rendition of a Brer Rabbit tale or their witty commentaries on current events. Their music includes a variety of old-time blues, slave songs, Appalachian music, spirituals, ballads, work songs, Civil War music, cowboy music, railroad songs, and a few of their own original compositions.

EVENT INFORMATION

BLUE & GRAY IN BLACK & WHITE

Sparky & Rhonda Rucker's passion for the American Civil War inspired this special historical program. This presentation tells stories from the war in music and narrative and focuses on the war's impact on the different regions of our country. The stories, some sad and some humorous, reflect personal insights from the various personalities who participated in the war. Sparky and Rhonda can often include stories about the events of the local community in which they are performing. Since more songs came out of the Civil War than any other war in history, they have a large repertoire of music to draw upon.

CONTACT: Sparky and Rhonda Rucker
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$500.00 for one program -- \$600.00 for two back-to-back shows
EVENT DATE: October 13-24, 2008 and December 1-19, 2008
January 5-9, 2009, March 19-27, 2009 and May 4-29, 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School Hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Grades 3 and up
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 50 minutes

HEROES & HARD TIMES: AMERICAN HISTORY THROUGH SONG AND STORY

Sparky & Rhonda Rucker weave music into captivating stories that the history books don't always tell. For instance, they might explain that the slave owners banned the drum since the slaves could use it to communicate, and then go on to show students how the slaves used their own bodies as a substitute for the drum when they played the "hambone." The Rucker's might demonstrate how the slaves would also play the bones or the spoons as substitute for the drum. They might discuss the African origin of the banjo, or they might explain that the Yellow rose of Texas was really a light-skinned female slave who learned of General Santa Anna's plans for the Battle of San Jacinto and passed this information to Sam Houston.

CONTACT: Sparky and Rhonda Rucker
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$500.00 for one program -- \$600.00 for two back-to-back shows
EVENT DATE: October 13-24, 2008 and December 1-19, 2008
January 5-9, 2009, March 19-27, 2009 and May 4-29, 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School Hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Kindergarten – Grade 12
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 35 minutes – 50 minutes depending on age

STORYTELLING

Sparky & Rhonda each tell "solo" tales, but they also tell stories together, in tandem, always adding life and humor to the characters in their Brer Rabbit tales, Appalachian yarns, High John the Conqueror stories, preacher tales, and family stories. They also tell stories about the Civil War and the settlement of the American West.

CONTACT: Sparky and Rhonda Rucker
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$500.00 for one program -- \$600.00 for two back-to-back shows
EVENT DATE: October 13-24, 2008 and December 1-19, 2008
January 5-9, 2009, March 19-27, 2009 and May 4-29, 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School Hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Grades 2-12
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 40 minutes – 50 minutes

MILLIE SIEBER, STORYTELLER

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ARTIST INFORMATION

Millie Sieber's fascination with storytelling springs from hearing grown-ups tell family stories that made other people and other places "come alive." An incurable story collector and an experienced teacher, she shares tales from Tennessee and around the world – terrific teaching tools tailored to meet curriculum needs. A co-founder of Cleveland, TN Storytelling Guild, she is active in supportive coaching, National Storytelling Network, Smoky Mountain Storytellers Association, and served on Tennessee Storytelling Association Board.

EVENT INFORMATION

"MEET MAGGIE MCGILL, CIVIL WAR SURVIVOR"

Civil War history becomes real when listeners "walk in Maggie's shoes" near Murfreesboro, TN, as she faces comic predicaments and formidable challenges, life and death, war and peace. Appearing as Maggie, Sieber's own great-grandmother, the storyteller shares in first person three stories based on Maggie's extraordinary experiences. Questions & Answer period.

CONTACT: Storyteller Millie Sieber
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$200.00 one storytelling session; \$350 for 2 sessions same day;
\$450 3 sessions same day – plus travel expenses
EVENT DATE: October 2008 – May 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School Hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Grade 4 –Grade 12
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 45 minutes to 1 hour, stories will be adapted to fit maturity level of students

"A WALK IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES": Tales from Tennessee and Around the World

Students are invited to participate, listen, laugh, and learn as Millie Sieber shares tales about ordinary people who do extraordinary things – true stories, as well as make-believe; Appalachian tales; tales of HEROES, SHEROES, peacebuilders; spooky stories and folktales. Stories offer insights into our relationships to each other and to nature. Question & answer period.

CONTACT: Storyteller Millie Sieber
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$200.00 one storytelling session; \$350 for 2 sessions same day;
\$450 3 sessions same day – plus travel expenses
EVENT DATE: October 2008 – May 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School Hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Kindergarten – 12th Grade
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 25 minutes to 1 hour, stories will be adapted to fit maturity level of students

FOLKTALES FROM TENNESSEE, EMPHASIS: NATIVE ANIMALS

Students are invited to participate, listen, laugh, and learn as Millie Sieber shares folktales and personal experience stories about bear, skunk, frog, possum, and our relationships to each other and to the natural world. Question & answer period.

CONTACT: Storyteller Millie Sieber
STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE: \$200.00 one storytelling session; \$350 for 2 sessions same day;
\$450 3 sessions same day – plus travel expenses
EVENT DATE: October 2008 – May 2009
EVENT TIMES: During School Hours
EVENT LOCATION: Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS: Kindergarten – Grade 2
LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 30 minutes to 45 minutes stories will be adapted to fit maturity level of students

MICHAEL "BADHAIR" WILLIAMS

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ARTIST INFORMATION

Michael "Badhair" Williams is from the North Carolina Mountains, the heart of Appalachia. He has been telling Appalachian folk tales on stage since 1975. He has performed for audiences from rural Appalachia to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC and across the nation in school libraries and auditoriums. Michael "Badhair" says about storytelling, "My goals are, first, to educate students, to give them a true picture of Appalachian culture. I try to dispel the stereotype of the 'Beverly Hillbillies' and 'Green Acres.' I hope that through exposure to my stories they may also discover more about their own cultural heritage. My second goal is to entertain the students. I believe these have been the goals of storytellers throughout history."

EVENT INFORMATION

PIONEER APPALACHIAN STORYTELLING

Michael "Badhair" performs a medley of Appalachian folk tales and songs from the tradition of "Jack and the Bean Stalk." Appalachian tales come from Scottish, Irish, Welsh, English, African, and Native American cultures. These stories mixed together in the Appalachian Mountains as the cultures intermingled together. There is student participation in some of the stories, especially the sets for Kindergarten through Grade 3.

<u>CONTACT:</u>	Michael Williams
<u>STUDENT TICKET PRICE/FEE:</u>	\$333.00 to \$600.00 per performance or workshop
<u>EVENT DATE:</u>	September – October 15th 2008 and January – May 2009
<u>EVENT TIMES:</u>	During School Hours
<u>EVENT LOCATION:</u>	Your school library, classroom, or other mutually agreeable location
<u>APPROPRIATE GRADE LEVELS:</u>	Kindergarten – Grade 12
<u>LENGTH OF PROGRAM:</u>	45 minutes to 1 hour, stories will be adapted to fit maturity level of students