

Teacher's Supplement for A Telling Experience with David Novak

Program Description

A solo spoken word performance 45-60 minutes in length, consisting of 4-5 stories. Included in the program are original adaptations from folklore, mythology, and personal experience.

About The Artist

David Novak has been telling stories professionally since 1978. His background includes many years training and professional experience in the theatre. He has also worked extensively with pantomime, clowning and creative dramatics. He holds a BFA in Theatre Arts from Southern Methodist University and an MFA in Performance from U.C. San Diego.

Mr Novak has been featured at the prestigious National Storytelling Festival. He has also appeared at major festivals across the country including Hawaii and Alaska. In 1995 and 1996 he was the Master Storyteller for the Disney Institute at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

Mr. Novak has written four picture books, *String Figure Jack!* (xLibris) *The Little Ant* and *Johnny Appleseed and The Bears* (Riverbank Books) and *A Letter From Dad* (Simon & Schuster) and seven audio recordings, *More Rhyme Than Reason*, *The Cookie Girl*, *Chaste White & Blush Red*, *Sterling*, *Hounded*, *Smoke From the Everglades*, and *Notes on the Art of Storytelling*.

Why Does He Tell Stories?

"As a Storyteller, I can integrate my many areas of interest and expertise. My work has grown from explorations in mime and movement, character, voice, and classical text to the spontaneity and intimacy of the shared story. The theatre is my tradition and is evident in my style. Yet I am not interested in merely "acting out" a story, but in telling. Every story I tell has been through the filter of my imagination and carries a piece of my heart.

"I believe that storytelling is the original virtual reality. I hope that people listening to my stories will experience their feelings, explore their thoughts, and consider the world we live in."

Some of the places David has told stories:

National Storytelling Festival
Washington Storytellers Theatre
New York Storytelling Center
Woodstock Theatre
Sierra Storytelling Festival
Talking Island Festival, HI
Shorebird Festival, AK
Northern Appalachian Festival
Stone Soup Storytelling Festival
Oklahoma Arts Institute
Las Vegas Storytelling Festival
Hamburger University



Los Angeles Music Center
Storytelling Arts of Indiana
Hong Kong Int'l School
Flint Storytelling Festival
ETSU Storytelling Institute
Walt Disney Feature Animation
Walt Disney Imagineering
The Disney Institute
Lyceum Theatre
NOA Marine Educators
ArtServe Theatre
Lincoln Center Institute