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Summary of Qualifications

- Storytelling for all ages and occasions
 - Workshops: Writing\ Storytelling\ Performance
 - Professional Development and Teachers' Convention presentations
 - Corporate Workshops: team building/ microphone technique/ public presentation skills
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Biography Highlights

YWCA Woman of Distinction: Nominee, Arts & Culture Edmonton, AB, 2013

Storytelling:

- Canadian Children's Book Centre *Book Week* tour 2023/ 2015/ 2008
- Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada: national concerts Ongoing
performing / hosting
- Metis Housing Corporation, Edmonton: storytelling sessions for Youth 2022
- Storytelling Alberta 40th Anniversary: Curator, *Tribute Tales* video series 2022
- Alaska Highway Road Show - Producer / Performer 2017
Tour: Edmonton to Whitehorse / 2 shows: Canadian War Museum-Ottawa
- Former Artistic Director, TALES Storytelling Festival (Edmonton, AB) 2013-2017
- Dublin Yarnspinners Storytelling Club, and Dundalk Public Library Ireland, 2012
- Northlands Storytelling Network, conference concert WI, USA, 2012
- The Young Alberta Books Society: Annually
Word Power and *Taleblazers* regional school/library tours
- Perform concerts at schools/ libraries/community events across Canada Ongoing

Festival Performances:

- Festival Les jours sont contés (Sherbrooke, QC) 2024
- Ottawa Children's Storytelling Festival 2022/ 2011
- Grande Prairie Children's Festival 2018
- T.A.L.E.S Storytelling Festival (Edmonton, AB) 1997- 2017
- St. John's Storytelling Festival (NL) 2016
- Scottish International Storytelling Festival (Edinburgh) 2013
- Labrador Creative Arts Festival (NL) 2011
- NACC Festival of Stories & Road Tour (Yellowknife, NT) 2009
- Toronto Festival of Storytelling (ON) 2009
- Ottawa Storytelling Festival (ON) 2003
- Yukon International Storytelling Festival (Whitehorse) 2002

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Workshops:

- Teacher workshop & school storytelling performance South Africa, 2016
Midlands Meander Education Project, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal
- Crafting Original Stories for Children, Nordisk Fortælleseminar Iceland, 2015
- Stage performance / Microphone & Zoom techniques / Business skills Ongoing
Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada
- Present highly-rated sessions at Teachers' Conventions and Ongoing
Professional Development days throughout Alberta
- Thirty years experience leading creative writing /storytelling Ongoing
residencies in Alberta's public and separate elementary schools
- Present creative writing /storytelling workshops for Educators Ongoing
(incl. Storytellers of Canada, Canadian Association for Young Children,
International Reading Association, Early Childhood Education Council)
- Corporate workshops: team building / presentation skills / microphone technique Ongoing

PUBLICATIONS / RECORDINGS

- ***Using Advanced Techniques*** (chapter) Storyteller.net 2012
How to be a Storyteller: Essays and Advice on the Art of Storytelling
- ***The Field of Boliauns*** 2011
Irish folktale
United Cultures of Canada Association & Edmonton Public Schools
World on a Maple Leaf: A Treasury of Canadian Multicultural Folktales
- ***LISTEN UP! Tellable Tales for Hungry Ears*** CD 2009
Featuring seven original stories
*Recommended by The Canadian Children's Book Centre, (2010)
- ***Mama and the Bear*** Red Deer Press 2005
Original story
Under the Wide Blue Sky: Alberta Stories to Read and Tell
- Various stories and articles in publications including:
- **CHICKADEE, TREE HOUSE FAMILY**, and **WESTWORLD** magazine
- **The Edmonton Journal** and **Saskatchewan Senior** Newspapers
- Featured stories on three CDs by The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling:
A Collection of T.A.L.E.S / T.A.L.E.S on the Wind / Undaunted Enchantments
- Studio Director - ***Across 5000 Years: Stories from Ancient Greece and Modern Literature***, by M. Jennie Frost 2013
A CD recording produced by *Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada*
- Studio Director - ***Stories From the Prairies***, by Marie Anne McLean 2009
A CD recording produced by *Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada*