



# Penny's Puppet Productions

Puppeteer, storyteller

**Making the World a Better Place One Puppet Show at a Time**

## **Mission:**

**To offer a Joyful experience with Live and affordable family entertainment that ignites imagination, laughter and inspiration. In a way that supports the community and its storytelling needs.**

**Penny's Puppet Productions:** a professional one-woman Puppet company. Specializing in Puppet shows, Storytelling and Creative Consulting. Penny is a Member of The Puppeteers of America and the National Storytellers Association, Portland Storytellers guild and a preformer for and on the board of Portland Story Theater.

## ***Imagination, Laughter, Fun and Fantasy***

Join the puppets on their many magical, musical adventures and unknowingly learn about the importance of friendship and values while being joyfully entertained. Laughter and audience participation are unavoidable.

## **The Shows:**

Our imaginative shows take the children on a magical, musical journey packed full of comedy laughter and audience participation, blurring the boundaries between fantasy and reality to create a fun make believe world where anything can happen and usually does!

All puppet shows can be customized for the occasion, although, we also have many shows written and ready to go. Some shows are a twist on traditional tales (little Red Hen, The Princess and the Peanut) others are completely original. All are unique one of a kind experience for all ages. We also can create a custom show about any topic, for any kind of event \*Improvisation is always an important feature of our shows as we try our best to make each show special.





### The Puppeteer:

Penny Walter has her Masters in Early Childhood Education. Her Masters Thesis was on "Teaching with Puppets". She taught in the Portland area schools before deciding to follow her dream and became a full time puppeteer and storyteller. From 2002-2006 she was the Resident Puppeteer at the Portland Children's Museum. She has ongoing relationships with the Portland Public School district and head start programs as well as area libraries and is an Artist in Health Care at Emanuel Children's Hospital. Penny's Puppet shows, utilize audience participation, and instill the love of music, language, and stimulate the imagination. They naturally support emotional development, improve listening skills, and develop awareness and appreciation of the similarities of all people (and puppets). She teaches Puppetry classes & workshops for teachers, children, families, and other professional groups, in addition to performing at festivals, libraries, schools and Private events.

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*"Over the years, I observed her wonderful ability to tickle children's imaginations through her creativity and sense of humor. Children were delighted by Penny's fresh and joyful presence. Through her stories, she inspired children to be curious about themselves, each other and the world."*

**- Tara M. Papandrew, Director, Programs and Outreach- Portland Children's Museum.**

# The Show Choices

## New Releases for 2011

### Release Dates:

*March 2011:*



### Mixed Up Fairytales

Join Mother Goose, The Gingerbread Man and Foxy Woxy as they travel through the woods of mixed up fairytales. Sing and Dance through this silly puppet show.

April 2011:



### Betty the Clumsy Ballerina

Betty loves to dance, in fact that is all Betty really loves to do. Betty would like to be a professional Ballerina someday. The only problem is Betty has a hard time staying up on her toes. Watch Betty and cheer her on as she finds her true gift in dancing.

### June 2011 (Summer Library Theme):



### Basil the Bookworms Trip around the World

Basil is a shy studious friendly monster who loves to read. She loves all the different places she can visit just by opening a book. Join Basil as she discovers new friends, cultures and strengths she has in herself that she never knew before. Come sing and laugh with us in this new puppet adventure.

September 2011:



Autumn on the Farm

Join the fun as the Autumn harvest celebration begins. Meet Patty the pumpkin, the singing corn sisters, Appi the apple and many more. Lets watch the leaves fall and the fun begin.

November 2011:



Mr. Moose's Winter Walk

Mr. Moose goes for a winter walk and meets all kinds of new friends and gets caught in a snow storm. Come and walk, sing and dance in this winter frolic fun puppet show.



## **2010 releases:**

### **Ted E. Bear's Travels**

Ted E. Bear goes out on a pic nic with his best friend Robin. Oops in the excitement of a sunny day, Teddy bear gets forgotten at the park. Follow Ted E. Bear as he makes his way back to his home and meets interesting characters along the way that help him get home. Join the puppets as they take you on a musical fun filled journey.

### **The Boogie Woogie Puppet Show**

Get ready to stomp, sing and dance like you have ants in your pants. The puppets are putting on a Rocking, sing along dance party for your pleasure and they want you to join the fun. Fun for everyone!



### **Myrna the Mermaid And The Golden Key**

On one of her daily dives Myrna the mermaid finds a golden key and a Treasure map. Join Myrna as she swims around the world trying to find clues to what the key unlocks. Go to far off lands, meet fun new friends and sing, laugh and dance in this nautical fun filled adventure.



## Traditional Fairy Tales With A Twist

### The Little Red Hen

The Little Red Hen wants to grow a garden but her friends are too busy to help. Watch this resourceful rocking chicken as she plants, tends, harvests, and bakes bread. Guess who shows up to help her eat.

### The Princess and the Peanut

Princess Robin gets stuck in a rainstorm on her way to the library. She stops at the nearest castle for shelter. The Queen of the castle lets her stay the night but is not sure that Robin is a real princess. See what the queen does to find out.

### Turtle and Rabbit:

Rodney the Rabbit thinks he is the fastest animal around and is so busy exercising he never stops to eat, sleep, or even make friends. Until the day Myrtle the Turtle challenges Rodney to a race. Root for and sing along with your favorite character as the race unfolds.

Lazy Jack: A spin on the traditional English tale, Lazy Jack tries to help his mother earn some money but does many foolish things along the way. In the end he gets rewarded for being himself.

### Red Hen and Fox

Foxy Woxy (who happens to be a vegetarian) would never hurt another animal. But Foxy Woxy is having a hard time getting to sleep. After reading a book called "101 Ways to Fall Asleep" by RU Sleepy, he learns that he needs a tail feather from a busy Red Hen to solve his woes but how should he get it. Join the silly chase between Red Hen and Fox.

## More Original Shows and Storys by Penny

### Who Stole the Cookie from the Cookie Jar?

Grandma made a batch of her famous cookies for her granddaughter Robin, but every time Granny leaves the room and comes back a cookie ends up missing. Never Fear! Help is on the way. Granny, Super Donkey is out to solve this mystery with clues left by the cookie thief.

## More Original Shows and Storys by Penny continued

### Mother Goose on the Loose:©

Oh no! Mr. Grumpy Pants has convinced Mother Goose That no one cares or knows her rhymes anymore so she hides away and everyone is trying to find her and the only way to get her back is to sing, play and re-enact her favourite Rhymes. Join the animated colourful cast as they get creative to get Mother Goose to come back and Play!

### The Magic Book:©

Robin is visiting her Grandmother for summer vacation and helping her clean out her attic, when she discovers a Magic talking book. The Magic book invites Robin into its pictures and story's. Soon Robin finds herself inside the book and all of its adventures, meeting Dragons, whales and a Bea named Buzzy. After a full day of play Robin wants to go back to her Granny's Attic, but how? It takes the **Creative** ideas of Buzzy the Bea to get Robin back home. Join the colourful cast on this musical fun adventure.

Under the Sea: Join Wanda the whale under the sea and meet some wonderful and amazing sea creatures and what its like in their under water world.

### Dakarai and the Kings Wishes

Dakarai has lived in the same town all of his life, but in his imagination he travels the world on magical journeys everyday. One day he receives a letter from King Cole and he is off on his first real adventure to grant the kings wishes and meet some very valuable friends on the way. Bring your imagination on this unforgettable journey of kindness.

### Where is Lilly the Catapilly?

Everyone loves little Lilly the caterpillar, she is friends with everyone but one spring day when she was supposed to Go to a tea party, the loveable Lilly doesn't show up. That's when her friends go to look for her. Enjoy this musical Mystery and find out just what has happened to Lilly.

### Scouts Grand Adventure

Scout is an Ant who is in charge of finding a new home for the rest of her ant hill. Join Scout as she makes new Unlikely friends along the way this Grand Adventure.

*"We are planning to hold several Raising A Reader family events at the Multnomah County Libraries this year. Penny Is our first choice puppeteer storyteller; We hope we will be able to hire her for all of our events!" -Nell Colburn, Raising A reader Coodinator-*

## Fall and Winter shows

### The Harvest Puppet Sing a long:

Join an array of the Puppet cast as they sing in the Autumn harvest.

The Lonely Little Pumpkin Little Peter the pumpkin is excited about being a picked for Harvest and can't wait to be picked at the Pumpkin Patch. But Peter is watching all of his friends get picked around him and is starting to worry that he won't find a home and he'll miss his big chance to shine. Join the colorful cast of characters like Misty the Spider and Adley the Acorn and others who do their best to cheer lonely Peter the pumpkin up.

Sweet Tooth the Ghost Frank the Mouse and Robin are getting ready for their Costume Party but their treats keep disappearing. Help them solve the mystery of the missing candy and also make a new friend.

### Winter Magic:

A Big storm is rolling in, Bear is sleepy, pig and horse are excited but Bears Best friend Wilson is missing Bear and is lonely. Then a mysterious friend (from the Antarctic) falls from a cloud. Help the animals help this creature find its way home. A musical fun winter journey for all.

The Sharing Carrot A winter cold day and food is scarce, Yet rabbit finds not just one but two carrots. Rabbit decides to share his carrot with his good friend Lamby who intern wants to share it with Donkey and so on. See what Rabbit decides to do with the carrot when it shows up back at his doorstep. Fun and winter singing for all.

The Mitten A spin-off from the traditional Ukrainian tale. Rough and Tumble is having a winter sledding party but his friends get lost on the way in a snow storm. Find out where they hide away from the storm to keep warm and dry. Until...

The Gingerbread Man Granny Gets lonely and decides to make a Gingerbread man from a magic Recipe, but Oops She leaves him in the oven to long and the adventure/ journey begins for the newly made Gingerbread man. See him run from Suburbs', to the city to the Country trying to find the right home for him. Enjoy this unique twist on the traditional tale. Fun for all ages.



### **Character Education shows:**

In working with the **The Portland Public School District** I created Puppet shows that represent values, morals and ideals to present to Kindergarten through third grade students. All shows are mini-musicals and are interactive and full of audience participation.

#### **Friendship:**

*A story on how to be a good friend.*

Robin and Izzy are best friends and up until now have done everything together. Today Izzy wants to play something else and Robin thinks their friendship is over and is very sad and wishes for some advice. Zorn from the planet Corn answers her wish with some meet in the middle advice.

#### **Getting it together:**

*A short story on personal responsibility.*

Robin stayed up to late reading comics; she gives her dog Bingo her breakfast and can't find her comb to brush her hair. So she is sleepy, hungry and messy at school and having a hard time getting it together. Robin's Teacher Ms. Bella' Outs and Zorn from the planet Corn, gives her advice on how to take care of yourself.

#### **Listen up:**

*A show on active listening.*

Robin is having a hard time using her listening ears, for she's too busy and excited thinking of what she's going to say next or daydreaming. Frank (her dad) is frustrated and tells Robin she can't go out a play until she can tell him what it means to be a good listener. Robin makes a wish upon a star for help and soon Zorn from the planet Corn arrives to help and give advice on good listening skills.

#### **School Days**

It's Time for Donkey to go to school but RT can't find him anywhere, When he does, Donkey is not sure he wants to go to school. What if he doesn't make any friends? What if he doesn't like his teacher? What if it isn't fun? Help Donkey walk through the door of his new classroom and get the answers to all of his questions.

#### **Super Donkey**

*A show on Self esteem*

Super Donkey is out to find the best in everyone. Join him as he has a fun filled day of making everyone find their own Super Powers including you.



### **Storytelling:**

Penny is also a professional storyteller and has created a brand new program that is a combination of traditional story telling (no stage but out front with the audience) and puppetry. Penny reads each audience and determines instinctively what stories to spin and tell. This can be for children and or Adults.

### **Workshops and classes:**

Penny Walter presented her Master thesis on Teaching with puppets to earn her Masters in Education in 2001. Now she would like to share her research, knowledge and talents with Teachers, Parents, and Caregivers, Employers and of course Children.

**Making Puppets Come Alive:** Teachers, Families and Children. Penny will work with workshop participants in creating a characters personality, voice and movements. Single session and multi sessions available

### **Facts:**

Audience age level: **0-10, toddler, preschool, elementary and Family**

Audience size: **5-500**

Length of performance: **45 minutes**

Travel range: **Oregon/ Washington/ Northwest, anywhere**

Fee: **\$250.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> show. If 2<sup>nd</sup> show booked in same place same day it would be \$400.00 (if different show titles for the 2 shows please add \$25.00)**

**Additional costs: Mileage fee:** Average National Rate of Reimbursement (outside the Portland Metro area **Currently: .55¢ per mile.**

**Lodging if any should be necessary.**

**If multiple shows in one area are booked it could help cut done on costs for everyone.**

**I could do one show or up to 4 in one day. Multiple locations 3 shows**

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