



# **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.

## ***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. Though 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 2009

## Be Creative at your Library

### Puppet shows 2009

#### Mother Goose on the Loose



(Mother Goose)

#### Mother Goose on the Loose:©

Oh no! Mother Goose Doesn't believe anyone 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



(Buzzy the Creative Bea)

#### 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.

#### More New Releases for 2009

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.

The Empowered Princess: Princess Robin, is not the type to sit around and let the Evil Dr. Tear drop take over the world. She's ready to make a difference with a little help from her friends. Join the empowered princess bring back joy and laughter to the world and save the day.

**(new 2009 continued)**

**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.

**Winter Magic:** The animals in the forest are getting ready for winter, looking for food and shelter and celebrating the change of the season.

## **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 Lonely Giant and the Beanstalk**

This spin on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk involves Robin, some magic beans, and a Lonely giant at the top who would trade all of his gold for a good friend.

### **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.

### **3 Giraffes Gruff**

This spin on the traditional tale has three Giraffe brothers running out of leaves to eat and needing to cross the bridge to get to the other side which is full of yummy green leaves. The only problem is the bridge is guarded by the Mean Red Buzzard. Join the three brothers as they each march past the buzzard and finally teach him a lesson.

### **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.

## 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

### 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.

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

Grandma made a batch of her Famous cookies for her grand-daughter 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.

### Bob the Tooth Fairy

Robin forgets to brush her teeth before bed and Bob the Tooth Fairy comes to the rescue with Dental Hygiene tips. Lots of Tooth adventure fun as we go inside Robins Mouth and meet the Plaque Monster.

### Super Donkey

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.

### Super Donkey Saves the Day!

Super Donkey is out to make the World the Best Place it can be. Help him teach others how to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

## **The Mystery of the Missing Magic Hat**

Moogalie Googalie Monster Makes his Magic hat disappear, but when it is time for it to return it can't be found anywhere. Join Moogalie on the search for the missing hat.

## **Teddy Bears Picnic**

Ted E. Bear has always dreamed of going to the Teddy Bear Picnic but his friends say "it's just a song it doesn't really exist." Join Ted E. Bear as he goes on his journey to find it and the wonderful, colorful characters he meets on his way. If you believe, you can help Ted E Bear find the picnic.

## **Rainy Day Tea Party**

Robin just received a new Tea set and has invited all of her friends over for a Tea Party.

She invited so many friends that the only place they will all fit is outside in the garden, But it is looking like it might rain. Watch her friends arrive one by one and think of a creative way to get out of the rain and still enjoy Tea.

## **Celebrate!**

Singing, dancing, joking and general silliness ensue as Frank the Mouse hosts a cast of characters through popular music. Participation by the Audience is unavoidable.

## **Ted E. Bears Surprise**

It's Ted E Bear's birthday but no one is around to help him celebrate. Find out where they are and what they are up to. Join Frank the Mouse, Robin and Donkey prepare for the big surprise.



*"Puppets with Penny is an amazing experience for the children and adults. I can relax and sing and giggle along with my boys. I also appreciate Penny's respect for the kids. She knows how to make the puppets come alive when she walks around after the show and children have a chance to meet each puppet personally. If a child hugs a puppet you can see Penny's other hand reach around and hug the child's back so it feels like a real hug from the puppet. I'm sure the kids don't notice her doing this, but they feel a special hug from a puppet. That's the same happy feeling I get from her shows! My boys, now 7 1/2 and 4 1/2 years old, have seen her shows since they were both toddlers and they're always excited to see Penny's Puppets!"*

**-Teresa Hill**

## **The Silly Nilly Show**

It is Silly Nilly Day in Puppet land but Moosler seems to be having a bad day. Help the puppet cast try to cheer him up. Singing, Joking and dancing are sure to do the trick.

## **My Life as Pirate:**

Billy lives next to the ocean and loves to play pretend Pirate. The only problem is his baby sister Rosie wants to do everything he does. Billy is tired of having to always share with Rosie and wishes to become a "Real Pirate" to get away from her. Along comes a treasure map, Captain Long Johns and Crackers the bird. Watch Billy discover that being a Pirate isn't as much fun as it sounds and discovers something even more important.

## **Intergalactic Friendship**

Robin is feeling lonely and wishes for a friend. See what happens when she wishes upon a star and an intergalactic Friend appears from the sky. The fun and laughter are unavoidable in this out of this world musical.

## **Intergalactic Soup (magic soup)**

Robin goes to visit her grandma. Granny is so excited to see Robin but is upset because no one in her neighbourhood even says hello or plays in the park. Robin is determined to cheer Granny up by getting the neighbourhood together, but how? She makes a wish and a new friend Zorn from the Planet Corn comes to help. Join the laughs and fun music as the community gathers around this "Magic Soup"

## **How to Catch a Leprechaun**

Robin and Frank are enjoying a nice spring day, but things keep disappearing. Help them catch the mischievous little Leprechaun.



## 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 little Donkey who Cried Monster! Donkey is in charge of guarding the Picnic basket while RT goes to get the rest of their things for a day in the Forest. Enjoy this hilarious musical comedy with a monster that turns out to be real, but very friendly.

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.

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 day-dreaming. 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.

## Waiting, Waiting I hate Waiting

*This is a show on practicing the important skill of Patience.*

Robin's school project is at old McDonalds Farm. It is taking longer then she would like. Robin gets some help on coping skills and Patience from the busy little Red Hen.

## Super Problem Solver

Super Donkey is out to save the day and show everyone how they too can be a Super Problem Solver.

## 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.

## Cooperation

Robin works well with her best friend Izzy but Izzy is the only Friend she wants to work with See what happens when she gets paired up in a project with someone else and she learns the important skill of cooperation.

## 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 Car-givers, Employers and of course Children.

**Teaching With Puppets:** Available for Teachers (for all age groups) Penny will come in and give concrete ideas and examples on how you. can integrate puppets and puppetry into your current curriculum. This could be a single session with tips and ideas in general, or a more inclu-sive long term project sessions.

**Making Puppets Come Alive:** Teachers, Families and Children. Penny will work with workshop participants in creating a characters personal-ity, voice and movements. Single session and multi sessions available (Multi session culminates with a short performance by the partici-pants).



### **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.

### **The Magic Suitcase**

You never know what will come out of the *Magic Suitcase*. Puppets, props, instruments and magical stories will inspire traditional and personal stories from the contents of the suitcase. No two shows are exactly the same.

*"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 Coordinator-**

### **Facts:**

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

Audience size: **5-500**

Length of performance: **45 minutes**

Travel range: **Oregon/ Northwest**

Fee: **\$200.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> show. If 2<sup>nd</sup> show booked in same place same day it would be \$350.00 (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: .50.5¢ 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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