

PENNY'S PUPPET PRODUCTIONS New Shows for the 2012 Season

February 2012: Food, Glorious Food - Join the puppets as they sing and dance about the wonderful foods we eat to keep our bodies happy and healthy.

March 2012: Jubilation Celebration - It's been 10 years that Penny's Puppet Productions has been bringing you puppet musical fun! Join old familiar puppet friends that have been there since the beginning, along with some of your new favorites. Be ready to dance like you have ants in your pants.

June 2012: Batunia's Nocturnal Wonderland - Join Batunia the Bat on a musical tour of the creatures that come alive under the nighttime sky. See the beautiful night world in a whole new light. New puppet, songs and special effects make this a show not to miss.

September 2012: Dinolandia - Join the Dinosaur family while they try to find quality family time in the age of technology. Join this modern day Dino- Rockin' puppet show.

November 2012: The Remarkable Snow Flake - Crystal is a tough little snowflake who is determined to stick around. Can one snowflake make the world a better place with the time she has? Join the winter fun in this original musical puppet show.

PENNY'S PUPPET PRODUCTIONS



Celebrating 10 Years of Family Fun!



Penny Walter

A Note From Penny

Dear Friends, Families, Fans,
Puppets are my life. I love performing for the pre-K and K-3 set, and my training in early education informs my work. All my shows are original mini-musicals. Each show I create is designed to inspire the audience to participate, to interact with the story. I want to instill a love of

music and language. I want to stimulate imaginations. I believe that puppets are one of the best ways to support a child’s emotional development. Puppets naturally help in developing an appreciation and awareness for our similarities and acceptance of our differences.

About Penny

Every kid has a big dream and Penny’s was to be a puppeteer. Ever since she caught a glimpse of the Muppets at the age of 3, Penny was hooked. But it wasn’t until after she had earned her **Teaching Certificate** in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood *and* had finished her **Masters of Curriculum and Instruction** at Portland State University, that Penny finally followed her dream and became a full time puppeteer and storyteller. Penny’s Master’s Thesis was “Teaching with Puppets in the Classroom.”

In 2002, Penny started **PENNY’S PUPPET PRODUCTIONS**. Penny has created over 50 original story-musicals that feature dozens of puppets with their own unique personalities and voices. Penny performs in pre-K and K-3 classrooms, is a favorite at local libraries, and is a regular at community festivals throughout the Pacific Northwest. She also appears as an “Artist in Healthcare” at Emanuel Children’s Hospital.

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Mission

PENNY’S PUPPET PRODUCTIONS is a professional one-woman puppet company dedicated to making the world a better place, one puppet show at a time! Offering joyful programs that ignite the imagination and fill the room with excitement and laughter, Penny’s live performances use puppets, story, and song to inspire and entertain children of all ages.

Affiliations

National Storytelling Network
Puppeteers of America.
Portland Storytellers Guild
Portland Story Theater

Pricing

1st Show: \$250
Additional Shows, same day/same place: \$200 each
Maximum of 4 shows per day at the same location

Plus Expenses:

Mileage (outside the Portland Metro area)
Lodging, if required



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Shows



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Audiences

- Toddlers
- Preschool (Pre-K)
- Elementary (K-3)
- Family (all ages welcome)

All shows in Penny's repertoire are original works. Penny's imaginative shows take the audience on a magical, musical journey.

"Penny tickles children's imaginations with creativity, a sense of humor, and her delightful, joyful presence."

Tara M. Papandrea, Portland Children's Museum

Current Shows from A to Z

(See back cover for Upcoming 2012 Releases)

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| Autumn on The Farm | Ted E. Bear's Travels |
| Basil The Bookworm's Trip | The Boogie-Woogie Puppet Show |
| Around The World | The Gingerbread Man |
| Dakarai and The King's Wishes | The Little Red Hen |
| Friendship | The Lonely Little Pumpkin |
| Getting It Together | The Magic Book |
| Listen Up | The Mitten |
| Mixed-Up Fairytales | The Princess and The Peanut |
| Mr. Moose's Winter Walk | The Sharing Carrot |
| Myrna The Mermaid and The Golden Key | Turtle and Rabbit |
| School Days | Where is Lilly The Catapilly? |
| Scout's Grand Adventure | Who Stole The Cookie |
| Super Donkey | from The Cookie Jar? |
| Sweet Tooth The Ghost | Winter Visitor |



Meet 'n Greet

Penny is the writer, producer, and director of original mini-musicals that she performs at schools, festivals, libraries, camps, museums, parks, theaters, recreation centers, farmers' markets — anywhere kids and families gather.

Penny is "essentially the puppeteer Rock Star of Portland's toddler set."

Inara Verzemnieks, The Oregonian



Fancy and Penny



Anchorage, Alaska Summer Solstice Festival

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Schools



Murcin' But Trouble and Penny

Some schools where Penny has performed:

Pre-K	K-3
Albina Headstart	Ainsworth
Beach Pre-K	Bachman
Faubion Pre-K	Chief Joseph
KinderCare	Glencoe
Bright Horizon	Irvington
Child's Play	Oregon Episcopal
Milagro	Sunnyside
Rosa Parks Pre-K	Woodstock

Credentials

Portland State University, Portland, Oregon
Masters of Curriculum and Instruction, June 2001
Thesis: Teaching with Puppets in the Classroom
Teaching Certification: Elementary Education, July 2000

Content

When working with schools, whether Pre-K, private elementary schools, or the Portland Public School District, Penny creates programs that teach values, morals and ideals. All shows are interactive mini-musicals suitable for both school assemblies and individual classroom settings.

“Teaching with Puppets” Workshop

Tapping into her educational training and experience, Penny offers a workshop exclusively for educators that adds new teaching skills and makes learning fun, while meeting key educational standards. 1/2 Day, \$600.

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School Shows

All current shows are available for performance at schools. This list highlights a few that teachers and children enjoy. Penny is also available to create custom shows to meet specific curriculum goals.

“Penny’s stories inspire kids to be curious about themselves, each other and the world around them.”

Eric Pohl, Teacher, Gresham Public School District

Getting It Together 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 a visitor from outer space, Zorn from the planet Corn, give Robin some advice about how to take better care of herself.

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



Super Donkey and Penny

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Some libraries where Penny has performed:

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| Bandon Public Library | Forest Grove City Library |
| Beaverton City Library | Hillsboro Public Library |
| Bend Public Library | Washington County Library |
| Clackamas County Library | Klamath County Library |
| Cottage Grove Public Library | Lake Oswego Public Library |
| Deschutes Public Library | Multnomah County Library |
| Lane Library District | Mt. Angel Public Library |
| Estacada Public Library | Salem Public Library |



Library Shows

All current shows are available for performance at libraries. Penny also creates custom shows that fit national library themes, celebrate the change in seasons, and deliver family fun!

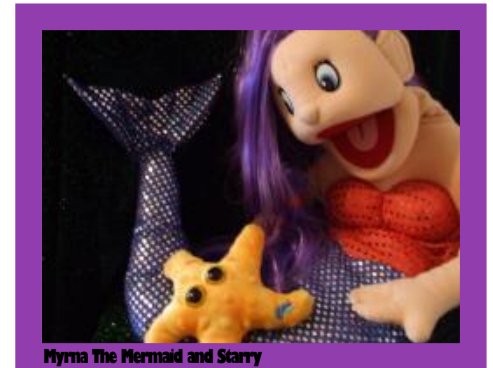
“Penny is our first choice puppeteer-storyteller. We hope we will be able to hire her for all of our events!”

Nell Colburn, Raising A Reader Coordinator, Multnomah County Library

Basil The Bookworm 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 and cultures and finds strengths in herself that she never knew she had. Come sing and laugh with us in this new puppet adventure.

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.

Scout’s 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 unlikely new friends along the way on this Grand Adventure.



Myrna The Mermaid 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.

Festivals



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Festivals Include:

Anchorage Soltice Festival
Bend Octoberfest
Grotto Festival of Lights
Hearing Voices Story Festival
Lincoln City Kite Festival
Muddy Boot Fair
Puppet-Ganza
Sandy Mountain Festival
Sherwood Robin Hood Festival
Tapestry of Tales
West Linn Art in the Park

Dear Event Planners,

PENNY'S PUPPET PRODUCTIONS is available to perform at community events, large and small, with dozens of original mini-musicals that are fun for the whole family! Plus, Penny offers special creative services and can deliver a tailor-made show that matches the theme of your event. The shows listed below are examples of the more than 50 ready-to-go shows that you can select for your event.

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!

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 stories. Soon Robin finds herself inside the book and all of its adventures, meeting dragons, whales, and a bee named Buzzy. After a full day of play, Robin wants to go back to Granny's attic, but how? It takes some creative ideas from Buzzy the Bee to get Robin back home. Join the colorful cast on this musical adventure! Big fun!



Anchorage Soltice Festival

Professional All The Way

Penny clearly enjoys what she does and always goes the extra mile, taking the time to meet and greet all the children after every show. Everyone in the family will be thrilled with a hug from Robin or a high-five with Basil.



Sandy Mountain Festival

"Penny is the consummate professional who took the time to understand my event beforehand. She showed up early, completely prepared, started on time, and was a treat for young and old alike. I plan to hire Penny again for next year's festival."

Eleanor Green, Event Planner, Sandy Mountain Festival

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