

TALL TALES

AND TINY TARADIDDLES

STORIES! We've all got stories to tell, and there are SO MANY good ones about.

EVERYONE NEEDS A STORY!

We at Widdershins HQ spent the beginning of Lockdown #1 hand picking and telling 40 of our favourites (see YOUTUBE) and during Lockdown #3 we have developed some of them into mini puppet shows – perfect for class sized bubbles. The stories vary in length and age suitability but they are all told with the humour, zest and eccentricity of our bigger shows. Puppets, silly hats and extremely odd noises abound!

Story sessions last between 25mins (a single short story, very suitable for younger children or quick turnover events) and 50 mins (either a single long story suitable for KS2, or a double bill of stories suitable for all ages). Our day rates for these is £250 and this would be for 2 long stories – or the equivalent in short stories or double bills.

The long stories (roughly 50 mins) are:

The Princess & The Pea (H.C. Anderson)

Granny Dumpling (based on a Japanese tale)

The short stories (roughly 25 mins) are:

The Many Legged Musicians of Bremen (Brothers Grimm)

The Hare & The Hedgehog (Brothers Grimm)

Old Nanny Nibblebeard (based on an African tale)

The Double Bills (roughly 50mins with a 5 min – or longer – gap are:

The Hare & The Hedgehog + The Three Wishes (Charles Perrault)

Old Nanny Nibblebeard + The Wolf & The Seven Young Kids (Brothers Grimm)

We can adapt the “menu” for big or small schools but the ideal audience size would be no bigger than two classes (max 60 children). For Schools with a limited budget and/or allotted time we can do a half day for £150 but only if local (roughly 10 miles radius from Potton).

PLEASE CONTACT US FIRST TO DISCUSS YOUR NEEDS

**** INFO FOR FESTIVALS: Day rate £500 for any 3 stories but NO Double Bills**

And finally...what is a taradiddle? A preposterous fiction or tiny lie!



The Hare & The Hedgehog (Brothers Grimm): In the game of Top Trumps, the Hare would always beat the Hedgehog in Speed, Agility and Length of leg, but in Cunning, the cute little Hedgehog will always win! See how Mr Hedgehog (with the help from Mrs Hedgehog) outwits the stuck up Haversham Hare who believes himself to be the Lord of the Manor.

Schools & Libraries (NOT FESTIVALS): *This tale can be part of a double bill. The 2nd story is The Three Wishes (Charles Perrault)*

The Princess & The Pea (Hans Christian Anderson):

Is she or isn't she a real princess....?mmm! I wonder.

"Pile up the mattresses, nice and high, Tell her it's for comfort if she asks why.

If she says it's bumpy, a Princess she must be. For only a Princess would notice a pea!

But if she sleeps as snug as a bug in a rug, she cannot be a Princess, she can only be a THUG!"

A romantic tale of Princesses, Princes and Mushy Peas



Granny Dumpling (Based on a Japanese Folk Tale): Granny Dumpling makes the best dumplings in Japan. She is also fearless. When a fresh batch of dumplings rolls away from her house she must follow - even if this means following a hairy little goblin (an Oni) into his underground lair.

Old Nanny Nibblebeard (based on an African Folktale Lions are tough and scary! Jackals are cunning and hungry! But Old Nanny Nibblebeard manages to outwit both of them by pretending to be Nanooshka The Queen of All Goats. A Queen with an endless appetite.

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The 2nd story is The Wolf & The Seven Kids (Brothers Grimm)



The Many Legged Musicians of Bremen

(Brothers Grimm): Have you ever wanted to be in a band? Looking cool with a guitar slung over your shoulder? Twiddling drumsticks high in the air? Well, this was the dream of four friends: Rodney the Donkey, Rufus the Dog, Mimi the Cat and Spockerel the Cockerel. The only problem they had was.... they couldn't play their instruments at all!! Prepare your ears for the cacophony.

