SHORT BIO: Kathy Jessup

Edmonton Storyteller **Kathy Jessup** loves to entertain. Over the years she's performed original stories and world folktales at schools, libraries, concerts and festivals in every corner of Canada. In recent years, Kathy has risen to the international stage, including trips to Scotland, Ireland, Iceland, and Africa.

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Kathy indulges her passion for storytelling in many ways: through helping children and adults create their own stories, by working with teachers to give them insight into the creative process and, of course, by telling stories whenever she can to whoever will listen!

Kathy's stories and articles have appeared in various publications including the Canadian children's magazine *CHICKADEE*, and the Alberta centennial anthology *Under the Wide Blue Sky: Alberta Stories to Read and Tell.* She's also been featured on CDs produced by TALES (The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling). In 2010, her solo CD *Listen Up! Tellable Tales for Hungry Ears* was recommended by the *Canadian Children's Book Centre* in their guide "Best Books for Kids and Teens."

When Kathy's not telling stories, she keeps busy with a number of different workshops including her very popular writing workshops for children, and storytelling/performance workshops for all ages. Kathy also presents at Teachers' Conventions, Professional Development days, literacy events, and enjoys speaking at engagements for a variety of organizations.

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