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Summary of Qualifications

- Storytelling for all ages and occasions
 - Writing\ Storytelling\ Performance workshops
 - Professional development and teachers' convention presentations
 - Corporate workshops involving team building and public presentation skills
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Biography Highlights

YWCA Woman of Distinction:

Nominee, Arts & Culture category

Edmonton, AB, 2013

Poster Presentation:

Tell Me a Story, Canadian Library Association annual conference

Edmonton, AB, 2010

Workshops:

- Teacher workshop & school storytelling performance
Midlands Meander Education Project, Howick, KwaZulu-Natal South Africa, 2016
- *Crafting Original Stories for Children*
Nordisk Fortælleseminar Iceland, July 2015
- *Performance/Microphone Technique*,
Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada conference Victoria, BC, 2009
- Present highly-rated sessions at Teachers' Conventions and
Professional Development Days throughout Alberta Ongoing
- Over 25 years experience leading creative writing /storytelling
workshops in Alberta's public and separate elementary schools Ongoing
- Lead creative writing /storytelling workshops for Educators
(incl. Storytellers of Canada, Canadian Association for Young Children,
International Reading Association, Early Childhood Education Council) Ongoing
- Lead corporate workshops using storytelling as a "team building" exercise, and
workshops focusing on improving public presentation skills & microphone technique Ongoing

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Storytelling:

- Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada, conference concert PEI, 2014
- Dublin Yarnspinners Storytelling Club, and Dundalk Public Library Ireland, 2012
- Northlands Storytelling Network, conference concert WI, USA, 2012
- Canadian Children's Book Centre *Book Week* tour ON, 2008 / NT, 2015
- The Young Alberta Books Society *Word Power* and *Taleblazers* regional school/library tours Annually
- Perform storytelling concerts at schools & public libraries across Canada 1992- Present
- Former Artistic Director, TALES Storytelling Festival Edmonton, AB

Festival Performances:

- Grande Prairie Children's Festival 2018
- St. John's Storytelling Festival 2016
- Scottish International Storytelling Festival 2013
- Ottawa Children's Storytelling Festival 2011
- Labrador Creative Arts Festival 2011
- NACC Festival of Stories & Road Tour (Yellowknife) 2009
- Toronto Festival of Storytelling 2009
- Ottawa Storytelling Festival 2003
- Yukon International Storytelling Festival 2002
- T.A.L.E.S Storytelling Festival Annually

Broadcast Journalist:

CBC Radio - Calgary
Honours, Broadcasting Program

1978 – 1989
Mount Royal University (College) 1978

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Long Standing Memberships

- Canadian Children's Book Centre
- Alberta Foundation For The Arts "Artists and Education" - School Residency program
- The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling (TALES)
- Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada *Former Board Member
- Canadian Society of Children's Authors, Illustrators & Performers
- Young Alberta Book Society

PUBLICATIONS / RECORDINGS

- ***Using Advanced Techniques*** (chapter) Storyteller.net 2012
Included in the anthology
How to be a Storyteller: Essays and Advice on the Art of Storytelling
- ***The Field of Boliauns*** United Cultures of Canada Association 2011
Re-telling of an Irish folktale and Edmonton Public Schools
Included in the anthology
World on a Maple Leaf: A Treasury of Canadian Multicultural Folktales
- ***LISTEN UP! Tellable Tales for Hungry Ears*** Kathy Jessup Solo CD 2009
Featuring seven original stories
*Recommended by The Canadian Children's Book Centre guide
"Best Books for Kids & Teens 2010"
- ***Mama and the Bear*** Red Deer Press 2005
An original story included in the anthology
Under the Wide Blue Sky: Alberta Stories to Read and Tell
- My stories and articles have appeared in various publications including **CHICKADEE**, **TREE HOUSE FAMILY**, and **WESTWORLD** magazines, and the **Edmonton Journal** and **Saskatchewan Senior** Newspapers.
- Featured stories on three CDs by The Alberta League Encouraging Storytelling:
A Collection of T.A.L.E.S, T.A.L.E.S on the Wind, and Undaunted Enchantments
- Studio Director - ***Across 5000 Years: Stories from Ancient Greece and Modern Literature***, by M. Jennie Frost 2013
A CD recording produced by *Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada*
- Studio Director - ***Stories From the Prairies***, by Marie Anne McLean 2009
A CD recording produced by *Storytellers of Canada/Conteurs du Canada*