

SUCCESS STORY



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Storyteller, Writer, Teacher and Trainer

"I'm going to tell you a story..."

The adults start to smile and settle back in their chairs. The children at the front crane forward and their eyes begin to light up. So starts a family storytelling session. And the reality of the everyday world is suspended, as the reality of the story world takes its place...

David Bash is one of the leading Jewish storytellers in the UK. He is an exciting and dramatic performer of multicultural and Jewish tales for all audiences, including families, adults, teenagers, senior citizens, primary school children and special needs groups. In addition he runs a variety of workshops based on storytelling, storymaking and giant sculpture making. These include management training programmes based on storytelling and storymaking, and training sessions for adults and teenagers on how to become storytellers. David is also a teacher/assessor for children with Specific Learning Difficulties. In his spare time he writes and illustrates children's stories.

Performances consist of a number of stories and usually run for an hour or longer by arrangement.



"Everyone really enjoyed the sessions and it was wonderful to see the children so inspired to create their own stories. I have had some really positive feedback from parents, with one commenting that she learnt a lot about constructing a story too."

Hannah Richens (Principal Librarian : Children & Youth, London Borough of Barnet)

Themes for performances can include:

MYTHS AND LEGENDS - Tales from the dawn of time - drawn from Greek, African, Nordic, Indian and/ or many other sources

STRANGE, DARK AND SUPERNATURAL - Stories that explore the darker, magical realms where good confronts evil and moral choices can lead to redemption or disaster (age appropriate)

WIT AND WISDOM - Thought provoking and sometimes humorous tales from many mystical and religious traditions, gateways to deeper, hidden knowledge

TALES OF TIME - include legends and tales about the Sun and Moon from Islamic, Jewish, Buddhist, Chinese and Native American traditions, as well as glimpses into the strange eccentric worlds of Julius Caesar and Pope Gregory (founders of our modern calendars)

MULTI-CULTURAL MIXTURE - Fascinating stories from many traditions, including the Brothers Grimm, Native American, Afro-Caribbean, Middle East and the Indian Sub-continent.

ANECDOTES, TALL TALES & UNLIKELY INCIDENTS - pure entertainment!

SEASONAL STORIES - Selections of tales for each of the Jewish holidays and other important times, drawing on the special flavours and themes of these occasions

HISTORIC TALES - brought to life before your eyes! (on request, please allow time for research)

OTHER THEMES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Storymaking workshops (1½hr minimum), where every participant is enabled to create their own fully fledged narrative, can focus on many different themes. Here are a few examples:

A REFUGEE STORY - Imagine living through a refugee experience

CREATE YOUR OWN FOLKTALE - filled with archetypal characters, quests and magic

CREATING CHANGE, CHANGING CREATIVELY - through the medium of storymaking, participants are enabled to find their own creative responses to life-changing events

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