

ARTIST BIOGRAPHY

Storyteller, Glenda Bonin

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Glenda Bonin has been performing for more than thirty years, and has been making her living as a storyteller since 1996. She was born in Wyoming, raised in Oregon and currently lives in Arizona.

She is a Roster Artist with the Arizona Commission on the Arts, the Nevada Council on the Arts, the North Dakota Council on the Arts and the Tucson-Pima Arts Council. She is a member of the National Storytellers Network and the Puppeteers of America.

Glenda tours the United States and has performed at a variety of venues throughout the country including Nevada, Alaska, California, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, Florida and Tennessee.

Her credits include business workshops, college classes and public concerts. She has worked with disabled children during summer camp programs; held teacher in-services and parent workshops; provided after-school and summer camp residencies in rural elementary schools; served as mentor for a youth empowerment storytelling program at a children's museum, and taught art classes at the Tucson Museum of Art School and U of A Extended University.

Glenda has presented workshops for the Conference on Children's Literature and Literacy for Children through the University of Arizona College of Education. She has also provided workshops for the Nevada Reading Week Project and Tucson Teachers Applying Whole Language. For several years, Glenda presented nature tales and southwest stories at the University of Arizona Boyce Thompson Arboretum Fall Festival.

She has participated in collaborative work with artists from other disciplines (music, dance, visual art and technology), and serves as lead artist for these group projects. During the 2010 Tucson Festival of Books, Glenda coordinated two days of public performances on the Storytelling Stage.

Glenda holds a BA in Management from the University of Phoenix (1990) and is a certified substitute teacher in Arizona. In 1998 and 1999, she earned graduate credits at East Tennessee State University through the Storytelling Institutes program. In 2000, Glenda received the Traditional/Folk ART II (Storytelling) Fellowship award from the Tucson/Pima Arts Council.

She represented her region as a performer during the 2002 Western Storytelling Concert at the National Storytelling Network Conference in Denver, and in 2006 she was a "Western Showcase" artist during the Timpanogos Storytelling Festival in Orem, Utah.

Glenda was a featured teller in 2009 and 2004 at the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area "*Haunting in the Hills Storytelling Festival*" in Tennessee.

Presenters across the United States enjoy adding her programs to their schedules when she is on tour. In 2010, Glenda will tour Nevada, Washington and Montana.

She has produced four CDs of stories, and has a short instructive puppet DVD to her credit. For details about her CDs and DVD, please see her website:

www.StoryWorksGroup.com.

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