

**BRING STORYTELLING BACK TO WHERE IT STARTED!**

Have A  
STORYTELLING  
HOUSE  
CONCERT!



**Allison Cox is now performing her favorite international tales from the past 30 years.**

**Gather your friends at home, a local coffeehouse or other comfy places and enjoy an affordable and unique House Concert of your design.**

Musicians and Spoken Word artists are appearing in HOUSE CONCERTS across the country. Share costs and pot luck snacks & beverages so everyone can afford to have a good time!

***From a Tacoma, WA House Concert :***

***What a wonderfully talented woman!***

***I have been thinking of the stories ever since.***

***Allison gave a marvelous performance and the stories were GREAT!***



**Allison Cox is an internationally known storyteller & author.**

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## Stories for a Soaring Spirit

### *Samples...*

**Cucarachita** – Laughingly participatory Mexican folktale of what lengths a girl can go to be beautiful and how she learns what real love is.

**Tongue Meat** – A funny and touching participatory Ugandan/Kenyan folktale telling of what a sultan goes through in order to keep his beloved wife healthy!

**Woman Who Had a Story and a Song** – Southern India tale of what happens when we keep our gifts hidden inside? All hell can break loose!

**The Hedley Koo** – An English town healer tangles with the terrible Headley Koo who has been haunting that village for years but she is not afraid of changes...

**Old Woman in the Cave** – From the Badlands, USA, a story of why all those interruptions that keep us from our work are really blessings!

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## Wild Wonderful Women!

### *Samples*

**The Goats Know the Way** – A hilarious Jewish traditional tale of a woman who finds the way to paradise by paying attention to her goats – now if only she can get her husband to pay attention to her!

**Rumplestiltskin** – Germany - The short version! What would happen if she said...”?

**Dame Ragnell** – the Arthurian tale of “*what women want most!*”! Fun participatory story on an ageless theme that will get everyone involved in the telling.

**The Pincoya’s Daughter** – In Peru, an unusual catch washes up on the old woman’s beach after a storm. A child with a fish tail is found inside a great shell! What does an old woman know about that?

**The Stolen Turnips** – Russian Folktale of an old woman whose life with an abusive husband changes when she meets “all these strange little laughing children in the forest”!

**The Hedley Koo** – An English town healer tangles with the terrible Headley Koo who has been haunting that village for years but she is not afraid of changes...

**There are so many more from all around the world!!!**

## *A Night of Celtic Tales*

**The Peddler of Ballaghardeen** – A famous, sweet and funny Irish tale of following your dreams all the way to the backyard

"**The Stolen Bairn And The Sidh** – A young Scot woman uses her will and wits to win her child back from the fairies on the advice of the queen of the gypsies!

**The King Who Had Goat's Ears** – Riotous old Irish tale of what a king once did to maintain secrecy about his secret hairdo.

**Moore's Castle** – A haunting Irish tale that tells why Moore's son never sleeps.

**The Farmer's Grand House** – An English tale of a woman clever enough to beat her brothers in a contest to win the family mansion but wise enough to know what really matters most!

**Goblin's Gloves, The Hedley Koo, Mary Culhane, Dame Ragnell and The Kelpie all fit under this heading as well!**

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## *Scary, Spooky and Spectacular Stories*

### *Some Samples...*

**The Kelpie** – This is the beautiful and frightening legend from Scotland's western islands of the fearsome "water horse" that lured children to their death and enchanted women as his lovers.

**John Tingle** – Canadian story of what happens to young men who never help their mother!

**The Hedley Koo** – The town healer tangles with the terrible Headley Koo who has been haunting that village for years but she is not afraid of changes...

**Goblin's Gloves** - A folktale from my Welsh heritage, where foxglove is called Goblin's Gloves and was said to attract the hobgoblins who wore the long bells on their fingers as gloves that imparted magical properties...

**Mary Culhane** – Traditional chilling Irish story of a brave heroine who outwits the dead and saves the day and raised bible sales to everyone in that town!

**Lizbeth and the Captain** – Lizbeth decides to use the old magic her mother taught her to teach a miserly fishing captain a lesson he'll never forget about sharing his catch with poor widows. A historical tale transplanted to Washington soil and the Columbia River.

## **Juvie Hall Stories – What The Teens Asked To Hear!**

*These powerful stories were asked for again and again by the girls and boys at the Juvenile Detention Center (including the gift of their honest reaction to these tales).*

**The Heartless Giant** – Can we lock away that part of us that is vulnerable to pain? This gorgeous old European folktale is about finding friendships and alliances in the most unorthodox of places.

**The Grizzly Bear Feast** – When an old Tlingit man decides he has outlived his friends and family and it is time to die, the grizzlies teach him that friends are sometimes found when and where we least expect them.

**The Red Lion** - Ancient Persian story of facing ones fears and coming to grips with loss.

**The Wolf's Eyelashes** – Japanese folktale of how to tell when someone is telling you the truth.

**Lady of the Lake Waters** – Celtic tale for domestic violence education and prevention.

**Misery** – Russian folktale combined with old Hoyt Axton song becomes a chillingly resonant tale of a family surviving the temptations that lead to Misery.

**The Stolen Skin** – Traditional Celtic story of a man who steals a sealskin to capture the selkie woman it belongs to against her will.

**"The Stolen Bairn And The Sidh** – A young Scot woman uses her will and wits to win her child back from the fairies on the advice of the queen of the gypsies!

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## **Healing Heart Stories – Tacoma Tales**

Folktales told for health promotion over the last two decades and stories of audiences reactions in shelters, recovery groups, prisons, schools, and the diverse people of the Tacoma and the Pacific Northwest. (Some stories are in my books - still have some copies for sale)

All Stories from "What The Teens Asked For..." and:

**The Stolen Turnips** – Russian Folktale of an old woman whose life with an abusive husband changes when she meets "all these strange little laughing children in the forest"!

**Going On A Bear Hunt** – Child's participatory story and song can get you through the scary stuff

**Cucarachita** – Laughingly participatory Mexican folktale of what lengths a girl can go to be beautiful and how she learns what real love is.

**War Between The Whales and the Sandpipers** – Children loved this South Pacific tale that talks to both peace and ecology efforts.

**Snake's Jive** – Rap for drug and alcohol education and recovery

**Dame Ragnell** – the Arthurian tale of "*what women want most!*" Fun participatory story on an ageless theme that will get everyone involved in the telling.

## *Home-Fried Stories With A Side of Tried and True Folktales*

### *Samples*

**Stories of my Great Uncle Vince** – there are 3 stories of Vince's pyromaniac tendencies (Fireworks, Civil War Cannon, Bonfire) and also a new fishing tale – *The Uncles Visit the Laundromat*

**Waving Back** – A tender tale of community and hidden gifts - when my family returns to Montana to see our old home, I recall a story of our neighbor, an idiot savant.

**The Courtship of Basil and Jeannette** – My grandparents met, courted and tried to marry amongst a heap of practical jokes being played upon them!

**On the Tried and True Folktales end** – The Singing Flute is an old South American folktale that I adapted with my daughter, Breean, about a king who loses his sight and sends his sons out to find the cure.

**Many of the other folktales listed in the menus** are good here. I've added a new tale - *Death in a Nut*, an old "Jack tale" from Scotland. Jack tricks death and stops him from taking his mama but the rest of the world stops too!

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## *Earth Dancing Round and Round: Seasonal Wonder Tales*

*I have collected folktales, legends, myths and stories of the history behind the*

**Summer (June) or Winter (Dec.) Solstice,**

**Spring (March) or Autumn (September) Equinox**

**and other Earth Celebrations.**

Sample...

**When The Sun Was A Woman** – This combination discussion and concert features a series of tales illustrating the transition of the sun, once thought of as female, to shift to the sun as a male deity or personality. The first 3 short tales illustrate this progression. The last tale is a mini-Epic from Rumania which follows the transition of a young woman into a young man who marries the sun princess she/he rescues. This tale has it all: magic horses, kings and emperors, genies, magicians, evil witches and even nuns along with a cursing hermit! **WHAT A GREAT ADVENTURE!**

**Corresponding Interactive Seasonal Workshops** are offered to explore history, experience the resonance of the tales of each season, and explore the metaphors of the celebrations that stretch back into unrecorded time and are still honored now around the world. Crafts are made corresponding to the seasonal stories.