



Kevin Cordi as Performer

"Whether it is an old fable or a personal story, Kevin tells with rich description of his characters and I feel as if I know them personally."

-- Donna Wilson, Festival Producer

At an early age, Kevin was first introduced to the art of storytelling as he listened to his mother and father recount stories of their childhood in West Virginia. These Appalachian tales became the foundation for Kevin's love of story. So inspired by storytelling, all throughout his childhood, Kevin often performed his latest magic show or his newest stories for his parents and five brothers and sisters. Stories are Kevin's passion.

"As the sun set on our outdoor pavilion and the light of the lanterns took over producing the mood, Kevin began to weave a series of intricate and enticing tales. Once soft, once bold, often humorous and always very much there."

■ **Gary Adest, Producer, River Ridge Ranch**

Kevin's character-voice and dynamic performances have been captivating listeners, young and old as he often seeks stories that reflect teaching and healing principles. His tales are highly inviting stories, whether he tells stories from his Appalachian family or shares his experience as a teacher of migrant students or his story of his deep interview of the man who swept the Statue of Liberty.

Kevin's work is versatile. As quick as he conveys a personal tale, he can dive into the world of fantasy where polar bears dance and pigs run for President. Regardless of the age or size of the audience, his tales invite you to listen. He can enchant adults with tales that revisit Mythology's Pandora or invite children to search for his hidden friend Beppo who dances within his stories. Kevin's performances are spell binding and always changing. He proudly boasts no show is the same. He is continually tailoring his shows to suit the audience's needs.

"The Pied Piper has nothing on Kevin! He was the perfect storyteller to add to this year's line-up!"

-- Rebecca Cohen, Stories of the Sea Festival Producer, Newport, Oregon

Recent Festivals and Conferences

International Storytelling Festival, Singapore

Qatar Foundation International, Qatar

National Council Teachers of English Conference, Chicago

International Reading Association, Texas

National Storytelling Festival: Emcee and Presenter, Jonesboro, Tennessee

Fairfield Storytelling Festival, Arkansas

Four Corners Storytelling Festival, Farmington, New Mexico

Ojai Storytelling Festival, Featured Teller, Ojai, California

Southern Ohio Storytelling Festival, Featured Teller, Chillicothe, Ohio

Three Rivers Storytelling Festival, Featured Teller, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Keepers of the Flame Storytelling Retreat, Keynote Presenter, Chautauqua, New York

Utah Story Fest, Key Note Speaker, Performer, and Teller, Salt Lake City, Utah

National Storytelling Conference, Keynote Speaker, Bellingham, Washington

Kevin has been commissioned for his story work and/or “Permission 2 Play” intensives
By:

- The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington D.C.
- Department of Corrections, Singapore
- Fulbright Commission, Japan
- Newsweek
- Highlights for Children
- National Storytelling Network
- National Storytelling Hall of Fame
- National Elementary and Secondary School Principals
- National Association of Social Studies
- National Council Teachers of English
- Optimist Organization
- International Reading Association
- Singapore Book Council
- Columbus Area Writing Project
- along with a host of schools, businesses, and community organizations.