

Florida Library Association  
Performers' Showcase 2010

# Listing of Florida Performers & Entertainers

**This information was compiled by the FLA Performers' Showcase Committee 2010 as a convenience to those attending the Annual Conference. A listing here does not constitute a recommendation.**

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**Atlantic Coast Theatre for Youth**

Professional Theatre Group  
Home Area: Champions Gate [Central]  
Phone: 1-877-565-0828  
Website:  
[www.atlantic-coast-theatre.com](http://www.atlantic-coast-theatre.com)  
Email:  
[shows@atlantic-coast-theatre.com](mailto:shows@atlantic-coast-theatre.com)

**Programs:** Creative performances, workshops and educational programs which spark the imaginations of children. Titles of programs include “Waterpalooza”, “The Reluctant Dragon”, “Casey at Bat”, “The Fairy Tales of Grimm” and “The Adventures of Eco-Man”. Appropriate for children pre-kindergarten through grade 6.

**Price Range:** \$525-\$625/Travel expenses negotiable depending on location.

**Baila Miller**

Yiddish Musician, Historian & More  
Contact: Baila Miller  
Home Area: Venice [SW]  
Phone: 941-416-4362  
Website:  
[www.bailamillerprograms.com](http://www.bailamillerprograms.com)  
Email: [bailamiller@aol.com](mailto:bailamiller@aol.com)

**Programs:** Join Baila Miller in the rich culture of the European Jews with her Yiddish Culture Lecture & Music series. For children, Baila offers a multi-sensory musical program that incorporates music appreciation, communal singing, games, storytelling, dancing and exercise. Baila’s music programs are approximately 60 minutes long. Other teen or adult programs focus on film noir, fine arts and artists.

**Price Range:** Varies

**Beau Broomall**

Magician, Comedian & More  
Contact: Beau Broomall  
Home Area: Pace [SW]  
Phone: 850-994-1060  
Website:  
[www.beaubroomall.com](http://www.beaubroomall.com)  
Email:  
[beaumagic@bellsouth.net](mailto:beaumagic@bellsouth.net)

**Programs:** Magic programs that incorporate humor and reading motivation. In the program “Get the Reading Bug” there are several magic tricks that are directly related to the library. Appropriate for all ages.

**Price Range:** \$150-\$200 per program based on number of participating libraries in county.

**Bill Cordell**

Storyteller, Actor, Educator  
Contact: Bill Cordell  
Home Area: Orlando [Central]  
Phone: 407-257-6116  
Website: [BillCordell.com](http://BillCordell.com)  
Email: [WTCordell@aol.com](mailto:WTCordell@aol.com)

**Programs:** Character Portrayals, Storytelling, Reading Promotion  
Most programs are book-based to encourage library use. Programs can be tailored to any theme, time length, age or group size.

**Price Range:** \$125 for 1/2 hour program  
Travel expenses negotiable depending on location and number of programs.

**Brainertainment**

Juggler, Comedian & More  
Contact: Banks Helfrich  
Home Area: Orlando [Central]  
Phone: 888-795-2351,  
Website:  
[www.whoisbankshelfrich.com](http://www.whoisbankshelfrich.com)  
Email:  
[bankshelfrich@bellsouth.net](mailto:bankshelfrich@bellsouth.net)

**Programs:** Jiggle Man for ages 2 & up, Healthy Herb for ages 2 through 12, Co-READ-ian for ages 6 through 12, Math-U-the Counting Cowboy for ages 2 through 7, Independent Filmmaking Workshop for ages 10 & up. These programs incorporate humor, nutrition, science, reading motivation and arithmetic.

**Price Range:** \$300-\$600/negotiable

**Deanna Braunstein**

Mime, Storyteller & Puppeteer  
Contact: Deanna Braunstein  
Home Area: Orlando [Central]  
Phone: 727-224-2560  
Website: [www.deannathemime.com](http://www.deannathemime.com)  
Email:  
[deanna@deannathemime.com](mailto:deanna@deannathemime.com)

**Programs:** Marina the Mermaid Puppet Show for ages 5 & up, Spacy Stacy Storytelling for children ages 5 & up, Jungle Judy and Safari Sam's Wild World Adventure for children ages 5 & up, Deanna the Mime for ages 5 & up. Deanna has created many different programs that are appropriate for the preschool population as well.

**Price Range:** \$200-\$400/depends on travel and number of programs

**Didgeridoo Down Under \*  
(Featured Performer)**

Australian Music, Art, Puppetry & Storytelling  
Contact: Darren Liebman  
Home Area: Tampa [Central]  
Phone: 813-961-4656  
Website: [www.didgrevolution.com](http://www.didgrevolution.com)  
Email:  
[darren@didgrevolution.com](mailto:darren@didgrevolution.com)

**Programs:** The Didgeridoo Down Under Show for all ages combines music, art, puppetry, comedy, environmental education and character education. There are also workshops where the audience learns to play the didgeridoo, an Australian Aboriginal musical instrument. These workshops are great for tweens, teens and adults. The Didgeridoo Down Under Concert delves into the culture and music of the Australian Aboriginal people. Each program runs for approximately one hour and encourages participation and interaction.

**Price Range:** \$250-\$500

**DiVitto (Michael) Kelly Papier  
Mâché**

Papier-Mâché Crafts  
Contact: DiVitto Kelly  
Home Area: Hollywood [SE]  
Phone: 954-927-9514  
Website: [www.divittokelly.com](http://www.divittokelly.com)  
Email: [info@divittokelly.com](mailto:info@divittokelly.com)

**Programs:** These art programs are geared for children ages 6 through 18 as well as for adults. Students can create colorful sharks, dolphins, sea turtles, butterflies and other beautiful creatures using a precut high-quality Styrofoam base, colored tissue paper and a water/glue mix. All materials are included in the price of the program.

**Price Range:** \$200-\$300

**Earthlings Music**

Fun, Silly Music for All Ages  
Contact: Ann Richards & K. C. Jones  
Home Area: Largo [Central]  
Phone: 727-729-7778  
Website: [earthlingsmusic.net](http://earthlingsmusic.net)  
Email: [earthlings@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:earthlings@tampabay.rr.com)

**Programs:** Original songs and materials are incorporated into musical programs that encourage a love of reading and the library. Programs feature humor, costumes, props and magic to encourage audience participation and interaction.

**Price Range:** \$250- \$350/flexible

**Geddy the Gecko**

Comedy, Skits, Music & Stories  
Contact: John Mallory  
Home Area: Dania [SE]  
Phone: 954-924-0218  
Website:  
[geddythegecko.com/schoolsandparks](http://geddythegecko.com/schoolsandparks)  
Email: [geddythegecko@juno.com](mailto:geddythegecko@juno.com)

**Programs:** Multicultural Dances from Around the World Part 1 & Part 2, Geddy the Gecko's Make A Splash Show, Geddy the Gecko's Rainforest Reading Show. John Mallory, cleverly disguised as a large lizard named Geddy the Gecko, performs comedy, skits, storytelling and breakdancing for all ages.

**Price Range:** \$200-\$500 in most parts of Florida

**Juggler Bob Whitcomb**

Juggling, Comedy & Reading Promotion  
Contact: Bob Whitcomb  
Home Area: Clearwater [Central]  
Phone: 727-412-4040  
Website: [www.JugglerBob.com](http://www.JugglerBob.com)  
Email: [Bob@JugglerBob.com](mailto:Bob@JugglerBob.com)

**Programs:** Juggler Bob mixes world-class juggling, comedy and a love of reading and libraries in each performance. Audiences of all ages are enticed to read, read, read while they participate in the action.

**Price range:** \$300-\$500

**Katie Adams' Make Believe Theater**

Storyteller & Puppeteer  
Contact: Katie Adams  
Home Area: Tampa [Central]  
Phone: 813-282-4993  
Website: [ww.katieadamstheater.com](http://ww.katieadamstheater.com)  
Email: [katesshow@aol.com](mailto:katesshow@aol.com)

**Programs:** Professional puppeteer and storyteller Katie Adams uses a variety of stories, music and visually-stunning props to bring tales to life for children ages 3 through 10 as well as their families. Programs can be tailored to fit any theme.

**Price Range:** \$200-\$475

**Kaye Byrnes**

Traditional Storyteller

Contact: Kaye Byrnes

Home Area: Ponte Vedra [NE]

Phone: 904-285-1561

Website: [www.kayebyrnes.com](http://www.kayebyrnes.com)

Email: [Kaye@kayebyrnes.com](mailto:Kaye@kayebyrnes.com)

**Programs:** Experienced storyteller Kaye Byrnes brings stories to life for people of all ages. Folktales, fairy tales, fables, myths, legends, biographies, historical fiction and original stories are told artfully to encourage a love of reading and the library.

**Price Range:** \$125-\$200

**Kwabena Dinizulu**

Afrikan Storyteller & Poet

Contact: Kwabena Dinizulu

Home Area: St. Petersburg  
[Central]

Phone: 727-324-7722

Website:

Email: [KwabenaDinizulu@gmail.com](mailto:KwabenaDinizulu@gmail.com)

**Programs:** Take a journey to Africa with “The Griot” or Afrikan storyteller Kwabena Dinizulu. The use of fables, folktales, poetry and proverbs helps Kwabena make a real connection to his audience and their lives. This program is approximately 40-50 minutes in length and is appropriate for children in kindergarten through grade 8. Word Jam: Open Mike Poetry Slam is appropriate for high school students and adults interested in the artistry of the spoken word. All programs can be tailored to your library’s specific needs.

**Price Range:** Varies

**Land of Yo\*  
(Featured Performer)**

Yo-Yo Demos & Basic Tricks

Contact: Robert & Stephanie  
Baybrook

Home Area: Elfers [Central]

Phone: 727-645-5264

Website: [www.landofyo.com](http://www.landofyo.com)

Email: [sbabrook@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sbabrook@tampabay.rr.com)

**Programs:** Program consists of a short demonstration of tricks, a discussion of the history of the yo-yo, and hands-on instruction on how to do some basic yo-yo tricks. A small display of books about yo-yo’s is also included. Presenters bring 100 yo-yo’s for the hands-on section of the program for the participants to use. This program is geared for children ages 6 through adult.

**Price Range:** \$150-\$350 depending upon travel

**Liang Acrobatics & Comedy  
Show**

Cultural Entertainment, Acrobatics  
& Comedy

Contact: William Patti

Home Area: Orlando [Central]

Phone: 407-797-3134

Website: [www.acrobatshow.com](http://www.acrobatshow.com)

Email: [showinfo@acrobatshow.com](mailto:showinfo@acrobatshow.com)

**Programs:** This humorous, educational and cultural program entertains you with a mixture of comedy and amazing acrobatics performed by Liang, America’s most well-known Chinese acrobat, and comedian William Patti. Skills such as plate spinning, head balancing, Chinese Yo-Yo and hula hoops are demonstrated. Audience members of all ages are given the opportunity to try these skills as well.

**Price Range:** \$350 for 30 minutes- \$400 for 45 minutes

**Madafo**

African/African-American  
Storytelling & Music  
Contact: Madafo Lloyd Wilson  
Home Area: N. Miami Beach [SE]  
Phone: 305-944-9111  
Website: [www.madafo.com](http://www.madafo.com)  
Email: [madafo@aol.com](mailto:madafo@aol.com)

**Programs:** “The Griot” is a 45 minute program that incorporates storytelling and music that speaks from the African and African-American experience. It is a fun, educational, interactive program using African musical instruments that is suitable for all ages.

**Price Range:** \$150-\$800

**Magic By John**

Magician & Comedy  
Contact: John Robert  
Home Area: Naples [SW]  
Phone: 239-659-0117  
Website:  
[www.Magicbyjohnrobert.com](http://www.Magicbyjohnrobert.com)  
Email: [John@MagicByJohn.net](mailto:John@MagicByJohn.net)

**Programs:** Be amazed by close-up magic, side-splitting comedy and the art of illusion. Children’s programs also encourage reading and the use of the library. Program titles include “I Love to Read” Magic Show #1 & #2, “ An Evening of Magic”, “Wizards Workshop” and “The Magic of John Robert” (for adults).

**Price Range:** Varies

**MagicDomico**

Bilingual Magician (English & Spanish)  
Contact: Cesar Domico  
Home Area: Brandon [Central]  
Phone: 1-866-386-3046  
Website: [www.magicdomico.com](http://www.magicdomico.com)  
Email: [mail@magicdomico.com](mailto:mail@magicdomico.com)

**Programs:** Comedy Magic Show for children 4 years & up, Educational “Magico” Workshop for children ages 6 & up. Shows encourage group participation and interaction. Educational workshop includes a worksheet for the children to practice the Spanish words they learned during the show.

**Price Range:** \$250-\$300

**Matthew Sabatella & The Rambling String Band\* (Featured Performer)**

Folk Music, Literature & History  
Contact: Matthew Sabatella  
Home Area: Hollywood [SE]  
Phone: 305.753.1850  
Web: [www.balladofamerica.com](http://www.balladofamerica.com)  
Email: [info@balladofamerica.com](mailto:info@balladofamerica.com)

**Programs:** This program tells the story of the United States through traditional folk songs played on acoustic instruments. All ages will have fun singing along while learning about important events and people from American history.

**Price Range:** \$250 (solo) - \$600 (full band)

**Mij Byram**

Traditional Storyteller

Contact: Mij Bryam

Home Area: Boca Raton [SE]

Phone: 561-347-8951

Website: [www.mijbryam.com](http://www.mijbryam.com)

Email: [mijbryam@aol.com](mailto:mijbryam@aol.com)

**Programs:** Interactive storytelling using props, puppets, rhythm, rhyme and a bit of imagination. Stories include Animal Antics, Fantasy Fairytales and seasonal/ holiday themes which can be tailored to suit any age (preschoolers, teens and adults).

**Price Range:** \$200-\$600 depending on travel

**Mimi The Mime**

Mime & Origins of Mime

Contact: Pat Fenda

Home Area: Tampa [Central]

Phone: 813-872-0300x1

Website:

[www.strictlyentertainment.net](http://www.strictlyentertainment.net)

Email:

[bigboss@strictlyentertainment.net](mailto:bigboss@strictlyentertainment.net)

**Programs:** Mimi the Mime shares the secret to the silent art of mime and its French heritage. Children learn techniques of mime and become part of the show. Programs appropriate for children 5 years old and up and their families.

**Price Range:** \$200-\$275

**Mr. Richard**

Sing-Along Children's Music

Contact: Richard Peeples

Home Area: Orlando [Central]

Phone: 407-898-3482

Website: [www.mrrichard.net](http://www.mrrichard.net)

Email: [richard@mrrichard.net](mailto:richard@mrrichard.net)

**Programs:** Mr. Richard uses a guitar, mandolin, harmonica and ukulele to perform original sing-along tunes about fire trucks, skunks, the garbage man and girl pilots for the preschool through grade 5 crowd.

**Price Range:** \$250 + travel

**Musicians Out of the Box**

Classical Music & Storytelling

Home Area: Sarasota [SW]

Phone: 941-378-2683

Website:

[www.musiciansoutofthebox.com](http://www.musiciansoutofthebox.com)

Email:

[mob@musiciansoutofthebox.com](mailto:mob@musiciansoutofthebox.com)

**Programs:** Listen to the wonder of fairy tales set to beautiful classical music performed by a string quartet. Children are exposed to literature and music in a fun, mixed media format. Older children can learn about the instruments being played as well as the culture, time period and life of a well-known composer or musician. Audience participation is encouraged, especially with the instrument "petting zoo". Appropriate for ages 0 through 14, however, programs can be tailored to suit age range needed.

**Price Range:** \$500/negotiable

**Out of My Hands\*  
(Featured Performer)**

Juggling with Laser Technology

Contact: Gerard Tricarico

Home Area: Cape Coral [SW]

Phone: 239-549-0248

Website: Under Construction

Email: [Outofmyhands2@aol.com](mailto:Outofmyhands2@aol.com)

**Programs:** Be transported to the universe with the effects of laser technology. Black lights and strobe lights enhance this interactive show that features magic and juggling to music. Appropriate for preschoolers through grade 6.

**Price Range:** \$190-\$235 (15-20% off for 2 or more shows booked on same day)

**Page Turner Adventures**

Personalities, Storytheater &  
Reading Motivation

Contact: Riley Roam

Home Area: Boynton Beach  
[South East]

Phone: 561-732-5386

Website:

[www.PageTurnerAdventures.com](http://www.PageTurnerAdventures.com)

Email: [PTAdventures@msn.com](mailto:PTAdventures@msn.com)

**Programs:** Page Turner Adventures presents Storytheater shows for children ages 4 through 11 years old. These highly interactive shows, which are approximately one hour in length, combine storytelling, comedy, vaudeville skills and larger-than-life costumes and props.

**Price Range:** \$400-\$500

**Pat Nease\*  
(Featured Performer)**

Traditional Storytelling

Contact: Pat Nease

Home Area: Panama City [NW]

Phone: 850-871-0165

Website: [www.patnease.com](http://www.patnease.com)

Email: [patnease@patnease.com](mailto:patnease@patnease.com)

**Programs:** An educator and school library media specialist with 35 years of experience, Pat Nease brings her own love of language, stories and reading to life in her storytelling programs. Program titles include "A Taste of Fairies", "The Giggle Factory", "Late Night Shivers", "Teeny-Tiny Tales", "Mountain Tales" and "Love Lines". Length of program and age suitability depend on selection of program.

**Price Range:** \$200-300 + travel depending on location

**Puppets To Go**

Classic Puppetry

Contact: Bob Nathanson

Home Area: Coconut Creek [SE]

Phone: 954-979-8882

Website: [www.PuppetsToGo.com](http://www.PuppetsToGo.com)

Email: [Bnathanson@aol.com](mailto:Bnathanson@aol.com)

**Programs:** Puppets to Go presents classic fairy tales, fables, as well as original stories through the art of puppetry and a bit of imagination. Various kinds of music used in each show helps to evoke a wide range of emotions for those watching and participating. Length of programs and age suitability vary depending upon which show is selected. Most shows are suitable for ages 3 and up.

**Price Range:** \$300 (locally) & up (depending upon travel)

**Puppet World/Bits N'Pieces\*  
(Featured Performer)**

Classic Puppetry & Marionette

Contact: Jerry Bickel

Home Area: Dover [Central]

Phone: 813-659-0659

Website: [www.puppetworld.com](http://www.puppetworld.com)

Email: [jbickel663@aol.com](mailto:jbickel663@aol.com)

**Programs:** Experience the artistry of puppetry with Jerry Bickel, an accomplished puppeteer and performer who has received awards and recognition for his exceptional work in the arts. Be transported into the magical world of fairy tales and fantasy or participate in a high-energy poetry slam or sing-a-long. All programs are 60 minutes in length, however, age suitability depends on the program selected.

**Price Range:** \$250-\$500 + travel over 100 miles

**The Rhythm Inlet**

Folkloric Music & Education

Contact: Jeff Hanna & Barbara Gail

Home Area: Nokomis [SW]

Phone: 941-966-5800

Website: [www.RhythmInlet.com](http://www.RhythmInlet.com)

Email: [rhythminlet@earthlink.net](mailto:rhythminlet@earthlink.net)

**Programs:** Hands-on participation, humor and lively demonstrations bring the magic of drums and folkloric music to children in pre-kindergarten through grade 4. "Discover the universal language of rhythm!"

**Price Range:** Varies

**Shana Banana\*  
(Featured Performer)**

Children's Music

Contact: Shana Banana

Home Area: Gainesville (North)

Phone: (352) 213-2221

Website: [www.ShanaBanana.com](http://www.ShanaBanana.com)

Email: [Shana@ShanaBanana.com](mailto:Shana@ShanaBanana.com)

**Programs:** "Bananimagination", just one of the many fun and exciting reading motivation programs Shana Banana has, is the term used to describe the wonderful world of creating good stories. The use of puppets and original songs in each program strengthens the appreciation of reading, storytelling and the use of the library for preschool children through grade 3 and their families.

**Price Range:** \$250 (multiple bookings in one library system or area)-\$500 (single performance)

**Sherry Norfolk**

Traditional Storyteller

Contact: Sherry Norfolk

Home Area: Atlanta, GA

Phone: 404-627-7012

Website: [www.sherrynorfolk.com](http://www.sherrynorfolk.com)

Email: [shnorfolk@aol.com](mailto:shnorfolk@aol.com)

**Programs:** Nationally-recognized storyteller Sherry Norfolk uses rhythm, multiple voices and audience participation in her storytelling to motivate children of all ages to love books and literature. Titles of her programs include "Bring in the Clowns", "Hear that Beat!" and "Where in the World Is?"

**Price Range:** \$175 plus lodging and mileage

**Spanglish Wrangler**

Bilingual Children's Music  
(Spanish & English)

Contact: Will Thomas

Home Area: Miami Beach [SE]

Phone: (Cell) 786-256-4968

Website:

[www.spanglishwrangler.com](http://www.spanglishwrangler.com)

Email: [will@spanglishwrangler.com](mailto:will@spanglishwrangler.com)

**Programs:** Pick up a little Spanish while singing and dancing along to roots-based, acoustic songs about alligators, chickens, bears and more. Musical program suitable for preschoolers through grade 3 and their families.

**Price Range:** \$400 for 30 minutes/ \$500 for 45 minutes

**Suzy Hammer**

Storytelling, Magic, Music &  
More

Contact: Suzy Hammer

Home Area: Delray Beach (SE)

Phone: 561-265-1680

Website: [www.suzyhammer.com](http://www.suzyhammer.com)

Email: [Suzy@Suzyhammer.com](mailto:Suzy@Suzyhammer.com)

**Programs:** Suzy Hammer delights children and families with whimsical stories, music and magic in each one of her storytelling programs. Many programs highlight the importance of reading and the library. Her use of costumes in her performances, such as “The Bookworm”, “Salty Sue the Pirate” and Harry Potter’s Professor bring well-known characters to life. Programs can be tailored to suit age group.

**Price Range:** \$275 & up

**Tales Two Tell\*  
(Featured Performer)**

Storytelling & Theatre

Contact: Robin Schulte

Home Area: Oviedo [Central]

Phone: 407-497-4767

Website: [www.talestwotell.com](http://www.talestwotell.com)

Email: [robin@talestwotell.com](mailto:robin@talestwotell.com)

**Programs:** Veteran storytellers Autumn Garick and Robin Schulte will entertain you with their wonderful storytelling abilities and professionally created set pieces and props that help bring fun and interesting stories to life. Performances for young children include interactive music while programs for older children involve more intricate, sophisticated storylines.

**Price Range:** \$225-\$350 (depending on the number of bookings)

**William & Sue Wills–  
Presidents & their First  
Ladies**

Portrayals of 32 First Couples

Contact: William & Sue Wills

Home Area: Winter Park [Central]

Phone: 1-800-388-9793

Website: [www.presladies.com](http://www.presladies.com)

Email: [mail@presladies.com](mailto:mail@presladies.com)

**Programs:** Now anchored in Winter Park, Florida, this national touring company conducts performances at 7 of our nation’s Presidential Museums while portraying Presidents and their First Ladies in approximately 4,000 presentations in 31 states. Using authentic costumes and dialects, the veteran acting team of William and Sue Wills bring to life 32 Presidents and their First Ladies. These programs are appropriate for high school students and adults.

**Price Range:** \$350-\$550 per program

**World of Reptiles**

Live Animal Presentation

Contact: John Storms

Home Area: Fort Myers [Central]

Phone: 239-936-4382

Website: None

Email:

[JohnStorms2009@comcast.net](mailto:JohnStorms2009@comcast.net)

**Programs:** Enjoy a live presentation of turtles, snakes, lizards, and a crocodile at your library! Very humorous as well as being informative and educational. Promotion of the library is emphasized throughout the presentation which lasts approximately one hour. Suitable for ages 3 and up including adults.

**Price Range:** \$275 per program