***The Storycrafters***

***Professional/Bio Information:***

Barry Marshall, and Jeri Burns PhD have been The Storycrafters since 1991. They are internationally renowned storytellers, award-winning authors and recording artists, radio show hosts, adjunct college faculty, arts educators, communications coaches, and public radio essayists. They perform and teach in schools, libraries, festival workshops, and other venues in the US and internationally.

In addition to conducting storytelling workshops for storytellers, teachers, librarians, and parents, they were faculty at Southern CT State University in the “Art of the Oral Tradition” graduate degree program where they taught children’s librarians, library media specialists, and classroom teachers the art of storytelling and ways to integrate and complement curriculum (1995-2011). Jeri currently teaches part-time in the Communication Department at SUNY New Paltz and coaches public defenders for NYS Defenders Association. The Storycrafters are healing storytellers for psychiatric patients at Stamford Hospital.

**Website** - [www.storycrafters.com](http://www.storycrafters.com)



***Workshop description***

**Hands-Free Story Hours: How to Imagine and Reimagine Folk and Fairy Tales for Storytelling Sessions**

Practical storytelling skills and creativity unite in this interactive, thought-provoking workshop.

Develop skills to efficiently learn compelling renditions of stories for telling. Method: Some lecture/demonstration, mostly interactive and hands on. Takeaway: A ready-to-tell story, performance, linguistic and story-learning skills. **(2\*\*, 4 and 8 hour workshop).**

Next, explore how classic stories can be relevant today. You’ll learn how to update older stories to reflect 21st century culture. Method: Some lecture/demonstration, mostly discussion and hands-on, including exercises adapted from our book, *Storytwisting*. Takeaway: Ideas for developing reimagined stories for all ages, practical tips, ethical considerations. **(4 and 8 hour workshop).**

In the **eight-hour workshop,** you will deepen skills/knowledge and develop activities for patrons. Takeaway: group-created story(ies) you can tell, library program(s) for creating stories with children/youth.

\*\* Two-hour workshop available in webinar format as well as face-to-face.

***AWARDS***

National Storytelling Network Oracle Award – Circle of Excellence

Cayman National Cultural Foundation – Creativity in the Arts

Storytelling World– Award for *Storytwisting*

National Storytelling Network Oracle Award – Leadership and Community Service

Parent's Choice - audios

Oppenheim Toy Portfolio -videos

Storytelling World - audios

NYS Broadcaster's Association – Excellence in radio programming

***Fees and scheduling information:***

   + Workshop fee: 2-hour workshop - $450; 4-hour workshop - $700; 8-hour workshop; $1000   
   + Block booking discounts available  
   + Land travel: mileage calculated from Philmont, NY

+ Air travel: airfare from Albany NY airport

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**PUBLICATIONS: Print and Audio**

**PRINT PUBLICATIONS**

Burns, J. and Marshall, B (2018). *Storytwisting: A Guide to Remixing and Reinventing Stories.* Marion, MI: Parkhurst Brothers Publishing.

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Burns, J. and Rosenblatt, A. (1987). *The Rhetoric of Homelessness.* Nelson Rockefeller School of Public Affairs and Policy, Research Monograph.

**BLOG**

Storytelling Matters: The Live Art and Why it Should Live On – storytellingmatters.wordpress.com

**AUDIO PUBLICATIONS**

**RECORDINGS**

*Straw into Gold* (1997) The Storycrafters

*Gather 'Round the Fire* (1998) The Storycrafters

*Classics with a Twist*  (2001) The Storycrafters

*A Tale for All Seasons* (2003) The Storycrafters

*The View from Here* (2004) The Storycrafters

*More Classic with a Twist* (2006) The Storycrafters

*The Crack Between Worlds* (2007) The Storycrafters

*Yarns of the Brothers Grimm* (2008) The Storycrafters

*Bride of Classics with a Twist* (2010) The Storycrafters

*The Snow Queen* (2013) The Storycrafters

*Fractured* (2015) The Storycrafters

*Classics with a Twist, Junior* (2018) The Storycrafters

Video Recordings:

*Ladder to the Moon* (1995) The Storycrafters

*Apples, Corn, & Pumpkin Seeds* (1995) The Storycrafters

**PUBLIC RADIO ESSAYS AND COMMENTARY (www.wamc.org).**

*They Should Have Fun* (original essay) on *The Best of Our Knowledge*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions, podcast/episode 1188.

*Dear Elementary School Teacher (*Original Essay) on *The Best of Our Knowledge,* WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions, podcast/episode 1205.

*Arts for Whose Sake* (Original Essay) on *The Roundtable,* WAMC, Northeast Public Radio

*Conquering the Ugliness in Beauty* (Original Essay) on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions (4/14) podcast/episode 1292.

*Why We Need to Spin it Ourselves* (or *The Muffin Top Essay*) on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1304.

*The Whole Story* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1319.

*When the World was Crying* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1357.

*From the Mouths of Babes* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1361.

*Childfree and Single* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1366.

*The Sanga of Storytelling* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1368.

*Bystander Racism* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode

1382.

*Martin’s Story* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1427.

*Invisible* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1445

*The Wall of Positivity* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1446.

*Adlai’s Story* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1448.

*Food Lines* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode

1469.

*It’s a Matter of Time* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode

1472.

*Backyard Decorations* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode

1474.

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*Dumpster Day* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1486.

*Positivity* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1491.

*Monumental Art* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1493 (or 1494).

*Fables are not Just for Children* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1496.

*Frankenstein Meets the Brothers Grimm* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1526.

*Implicit Bias* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1529.

*The Pledge* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1532.

*The Chaplain’s Story* on *Fifty-One Percent*, WAMC, Northeast Public Radio National Productions podcast/episode 1539.