

What audiences say...

"Captivating!"

"A rare talent."

Jeff Stockton

"Masterful storytelling and music."

Written
feedback
from

*"Mesmerizing."
"Magnetic music!"*

"Enchanting!"

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Provincial
Showcase -
Performers
for Young
Audiences

"Fantastic - what a storyteller!"

"Grabbed audience attention!"

"Loved the harp and the voice!"

"A master storyteller!"

"Fabulous!"

"Wonderful storyteller."

What students say...

Storytelling With Jeff

In the times that we worked with Jeff, I learned that you should try to take the audience into your story. You can do this by using your imagination to help you live the story in your heart. When you really know your story, you can help others live it too in their imagination.

I liked writing the large group story with Jeff. A good story has a problem a beginning, middle and end, and characters. I think the story we wrote with Jeff is funny.

We are all working hard to tell our stories like Jeff.

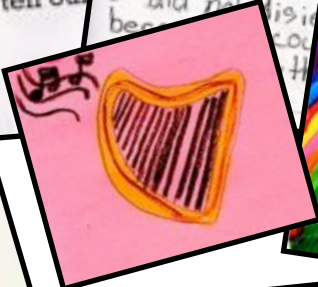
By Lauren



Dear Mr. Stockton,
Thank you for all of your help this year. I could not tell my story without you. Can not thank you enough.



his words were like wispers in my ears as if I have dreamed this before the picter so clear in my mind as if I was there as if I could feel what the nun was feeling. I did not know what she was saying.



Dear Mr. Stockton,
Thank you for all your help this year.
Because of you my story was a big success!
Your friend,
Abigail



My learning journey is that when you are telling say "I can do this" in your head and then it will be fine. I think that when you write a story your imagination is more free. I think I got better at voice because it is louder and I feel more confident when I tell my story.

There is a thing called the bullseye. When you are bad you are far from the bullseye but you can be good at something and bad at the other. But you are always good at something. But if you are good at storytelling then you are in the middle but if you are great then you are closer and then if you are awesome then you are the best.

Liam



Dear Mr. Stockton
I Liked the stories you told us I also liked the work you gave me. I had lots of fun working with you. You really helped me write and tell a great story. I loveded a great story. encouraged by you us to tell our stories. thanks for your stories and coming to work with us. you made us be mini storytellers.
LOVE JAKOB



What school administration says...

In the course of an educator's life, many talented people cross our paths; few however are able to arouse the imagination, stir a longing to become better at what we do, and inspire action to change learning. Jeff has an innate gift to inspire learning in others.

Jeff showed teachers the importance of challenging and coaching each child to engage in the skills of study, practice, feedback and improvement. The work was sound, difficult, inspired, and transformational. The final result was amazing.

And now, a month later teachers and parents alike are wondering how we could take this up on a regular (annual) basis, and six-year old boys are posing the question "Where do you take harp lessons?"

Others elsewhere should benefit from the music, magic and story of this very humble, gifted man. Jeff Stockton is one of a kind and should be supported in making his gifts available to inspire audiences elsewhere.

S.M.
Principal
Calgary, Alberta
April, 2010

The final result was amazing.

Inspire learning.
Master storyteller
Transformational
Inspired

Music, Magic & Story

Clear communication

Student-centred

Storytelling festival

Through close consultation with the school administration, Mr. Jeff Stockton - teacher, harpist and master storyteller - designed a customized series of classes and presentations.

He modeled for teachers an exemplary standard for respectful interaction with young children, and student-centered instructional planning.

He clearly communicated with teachers via email, professional readings and planning of a school-wide storytelling festival with 750 members of the school community in attendance.

Jeff Stockton has established a new standard of excellence for artists-in-residence.

M.K.
Assistant Principal
Calgary, Alberta
April, 2010

A new standard of excellence as artist-in-residence

What teachers say...

I have worked with Mr. Jeff Stockton over the last three years. He provided excellent guidance to all the students as well as supporting me in being able to continue working with the students in between his visits to the classroom.

He captivated his audience in the first lessons by telling stories and playing his harp. He is amazing in the way he captures and holds the attention of the students through his skill with storytelling. The students learn a lot just by watching, listening, and then imitating the excellent modeling provided by Mr. Stockton.

In each of the years Jeff worked with my classes he would take care of both large and small group story creation. He would be mindful of the performance to the parents and from the start would make sure the Celebration of Learning would include all components necessary to a successful event.

I have enjoyed watching my students learn and grow to be confident storytellers under Jeff's kind and helpful guidance.

W.H.
Grade 1 & 2 Teacher
Calgary, Alberta
June 2009

As a school, we have witnessed Jeff's amazing capabilities both as a teacher, and as a storyteller. This spring, my grade six students and I have had the privilege to work with Jeff directly.

I would recommend Jeff to any school; he is knowledgeable about curriculum, and how it can be integrated into projects, he uses technology to further students' learning, and he is a very accommodating partner with which to work.

T.P.
Grade 6 teacher
Calgary, AB
June 2009

Jeff Stockton was an amazing Artist in Residence at our school. Jeff accompanies his stories by playing his harp. This is a wonderful instrument in creating a relaxed attentive mood in the children. He has a magical way with children. They love Mr. Stockton and would welcome him again enthusiastically!

D.M.
Kindergarten teacher
Calgary, Alberta
June 2009

I was really excited about embarking on our exploration of this topic, and was even more excited when our grade group was told about the possibility of participating in a residency about storytelling. Having the opportunity to listen and work alongside Jeff was an eye-opening experience for me.

Soon after our storytelling festival, I asked my students to write a story. It was a wonderful to see those students who had struggled so much before sit down and begin to write a simple story. It felt satisfying to hear one of them comment on how he could now do this—he said that having practiced telling stories had helped him understand what a story was.

Not only have my students gained a better understanding of stories and why we tell them, but they have also gained confidence in their abilities to do different work.

S.G.
Grade One Teacher
Calgary, Alberta
April 2010

Amazing artist-in-residence

Captivating

Skilled

Student growth

Supportive

Knowledgeable

Eye-opening

A magical way with children.

Student understanding

Student confidence

Amazing capabilities as teacher and storyteller.

Jeff Stockton *Harpist & Storyteller*

Inspired



Master storyteller



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Music, Magic & Story



A new standard of excellence as artist-in-residence
Amazing capabilities as teacher and storyteller.



Transformational