

The Story Hat

Karen Prevetti Kersten
Storyteller extraordinaire

IN PARTS OF AFRICA, the storyteller wears a large hat, and from its brim hang small, carved ivory objects, each representing a story.

AS AUDIENCE MEMBERS CHOOSE, they hear the story symbolized, and so they design the specific contents of each program themselves.

Karen Prevetti Kersten

uses this technique, plus music, puppets, ethnic artifacts, audience participation, and a dramatic style in sharing tales from five major cultures.

IF REQUESTED, stories can be specially chosen to:

Celebrate!

- **Hispanic Heritage** (September)
- **Native American Heritage** (October)
- **Children's Book Week** (November)
- **Asian Heritage** (January)
- **Black History** (February)
- **Women's History** (March)

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- **National Library Week** (April)
- **Special Holidays** (e.g., a “Christmas” program combines stories from 5 cultures celebrating at this time, with brief explanations of their holidays)

Reflect!

Stories can emphasize and tie into school or public library yearly themes.

Enrich!

Stories can enrich one or more areas of the current school curriculum—for instance, **Wisconsin!**

Each visit includes a full bibliography, as well as a book for the library!

FOUNDER OF THE NEXT DOOR THEATRE FOR CHILDREN and winner of both the Fort Howard Foundation Fine Arts Award and the Wisconsin State Reading Association “Celebrate Literacy” Award, **Karen Prevetti Kersten** has been educating and entertaining in Northeast Wisconsin for over 30 years.

With her B.S. and M.A. in Theater from Northwestern, and her M.L.S. from the University of Minnesota, she has been teacher, director, storyteller, bookseller, educational T.V. producer, and librarian—for 9 years in the Children’s Room in the Brown County Central Library, and for 7 years at Resurrection K–8 School in Green Bay.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit The Story Hat website at <http://www.geocities.com/storyhat> or e-mail Karen at storyhat@yahoo.com.

TO SCHEDULE PERFORMANCES, please fill out and return the back of this page. Or **write** Karen at 2366 Old Plank Road, De Pere, Wisconsin, 54115. (Or **call**(920) 336-3255.)

Unless specified, all programs are 40–50 minutes in length, with half-an-hour between shows. If the categories listed below do not apply to your group or situation, please make individual arrangements.

Payment due when performance concludes.

Fee Table

- All expenses are included in the following fees.
- **Maximum audience size:** 200
- “2 programs” fee applies to same day, same place performances.
- Fees for longer driving distances are individually negotiated.
- Reduced rates for “return” visits!

I. **Green Bay Area** (up to 1-hour drive)

- ▶ 1 program—\$95.00
- ▶ 2 programs—\$125.00

II. **1- to 1½-hour drive from Green Bay**

- ▶ 1 program—\$150.00
- ▶ 2 programs—\$175.00

III. **1½- to 2-hour drive from Green Bay**

- ▶ 1 program—\$175.00
- ▶ 2 programs—\$200.00



Please fill out this form
to book a **Story Hat**
performance!

Day(s), Date(s), and Time(s):
(Please give at least 3 choices.)

Return this form to:

Karen Prevetti Kersten
2366 Old Plank Road
De Pere, Wisconsin 54115
(920) 336-3255

Organization: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fee: _____

The critics are raving!

HERE'S what audiences and sponsors have been saying
about performances of **The Story Hat**:



“Audience loved it...” “Kids especially loved all the participation!” “She was fantastic...” “She had everything planned out perfectly!”

“She has great presence—really dramatic!”

“Make sure to take the time to watch the performance yourself!” “She loves what she’s doing and it shows!”