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Telling stories is my life's work, a path that I have pursued for the past twenty years as a performer, teacher, consultant and writer. The stories I tell come from all over the world, from my travels, people I meet, life lessons, research in folklore and my Jewish heritage.

FESTIVAL APPEARANCES

Bankoh Storytelling Festival, Honolulu, Hawaii
Bay Area Storytelling Festival, Oakland, California
Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival, Cape Clear, Ireland
Eugene Multicultural Storytelling Festival, Eugene, Oregon
Flying Leap Storytelling Festival, Solvang, California
International Theatre Festival, Geneva, Switzerland
Mariposa Storytelling Festival, Mariposa, California
Northwest Storytelling Festival, Seattle, Washington
River City Storytelling Festival, Reno, Nevada

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

Asia

Baptist College of Hong Kong
Canadian Overseas Academy, Kobe, Japan
Chinese International School, Hong Kong
Hong Kong International School
Hong Kong Jewish Community Center, Hong Kong
Nishimashi International School, Tokyo, Japan
Tokyo Jewish Community Center, Japan

Europe

American School of Vienna, Austria
Athens College, Greece
British Council School, Madrid, Spain
Cotter's Pub, Cape Clear, Ireland
International School of Rome, Italy
La Chataigneraie, Vaud, Switzerland
L'Aiglon College, Chesieres, Switzerland
Lui Na Gre'ine Theatre, Cork, Ireland
Lycee Internationale de Paris, France
NATO Base, Naples, Italy
Shakespeare and Company, Paris, France
Sherman Theatre, Cardiff, Wales
Zap Club, Brighton, England

Middle East

Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem, Israel
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
Israel Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
Pardess High School, Tel Aviv, Israel
Traklin Theatre, Haifa, Israel

United States

Bayfront Theatre, San Francisco, CA
Exploratorium, San Francisco, CA
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA
Hult Center for the Arts, Eugene, OR
Jewish Community Museum, San Francisco, CA
La Mama, New York, NY
Loussac Theatre, Anchorage, AK
McCoy Pavilion Auditorium, Honolulu, HI
Salt Lake City Jewish Community Center, UT
Shoreline Amphitheater, Mountain View, CA
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
UC Berkeley Graduate School of Education, CA
Wingfield Amphitheater, Reno, NV

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SELECTED TELEVISION AND RADIO PERFORMANCES

TV

KGO, San Francisco, CA
KIRO, Seattle, WA
KTVU, Oakland, CA
KAKM, Anchorage, AK
Jewish Television Network, Los Angeles, CA
KPIX, Oakland, CA
KITV, Honolulu, HI
KQED, San Francisco, CA

Radio

KQED FM, San Francisco, CA
WHYY FM, Philadelphia, PA
WETS FM, Johnson City, TN
WUGA Radio, Athens, GA
KGO AM, San Francisco, CA
KNBA FM, Anchorage, AK
BBC Radio, Wales
Spanish Foreign Radio, Madrid
Radio Bretagne, France
Kol Yisroel Radio, Tel Aviv

RECORDINGS

Stories From Far Away

Old City Press, CD/Cassette, 1992
American Library Association Notable Recording Award, Parents' Choice Classic Award

The Beggar King and Other Tales From Around the World

Old City Press, CD/Cassette, 1993
Parents' Choice Classic Award, National Association of Parents' Publications Honors

Buried Treasures—A Storyteller's Journey

Old City Press, CD/Cassette, 1995
Booklist Editor's Choice Award

The Green Hand and Other Ghostly Tales From Around the World

Old City Press, CD/Cassette, 1995
Award of Excellence—Film Advisory Board

How I Learned to Love Liver—and Other Tales too Tall to Tell

Old City Press, CD/Cassette, 1997
Parents' Choice Honors, Award of Excellence—Film Advisory Board

Lights & Laughter—Joel ben Izzy Spins Hanukkah Tales

Old City Press CD/Cassette, 2001
Parents' Choice Gold Award, National Parenting Publications (NAPPA) Gold Award
Starred Review, Booklist Magazine

PUBLICATIONS

The Beggar King and The Secret of Happiness
Algonquin Books, Fall, 2003

EDUCATION

Stanford University, 1983
BA English with and Emphasis in Creative Writing and Storytelling