# FOLKTALES, FAIRYTALES, MYTHS, LEGENDS

any length, any age -- customized to audience and venue

# FAVORITES! Interactive and freshly imagined

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: Jack has to save Mama's harp. BREMEN'S BAD BAND: In search of a BETTER band. STONE SOUP: Oh, that selfish town turns it around. GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS: Goldi-finch saves the day. THREE LITTLE PIGS ARE WE: Count us one, two, three. THE UGLY DUCKLING: Mama Duck has ten eggs? **GRECO/ROMAN:** MEDUSA: myth of Perseus and the snake headed monster. THE FIRST WINTER: myth of Demeter and Persephone. KING MIDAS: myth of an over-reaching king.

PHAETON AND APOLLO: myth of an over-reaching son.

THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR: myth of a warrior becoming wise.

PYGMALION: myth of wanting - when a sculptor tempts perfection.

## CELTIC/ARTHURIAN:

CARODOC OF THE WITHERED ARM: how Carodoc meets a sorcerer's challenge

TIR NA NOG: Oisin son of Finn and the Land of Youth

BOG MOON: when the moon walked the bog.

THE STOLEN BAIRN: three gifts to win the queen of fairies.

HUDDEN AND DUDDEN: two brothers and one bowl of berries.

SEALSKIN SOULSKIN: up from the water and back again.

### ENGLISH/GERMAN/FRENCH/ITALIAN:

HANSEL and GRETEL: what a witch must eat. SPOONS: a variant of Cinderella GRIMM'S CINDERELLA: another Cinder girl and her mother's doves FILAGRANATA: an Italian Rapunzel of pomegranates and chocolate THE KING'S WOLF: a variant of the werewolf tradition.

### POLISH/RUSSIAN/TURKISH:

JAN AND THE SNAKE KING'S CROWN: be careful what you wish for.

THE FROG PRINCESS: three sons, three arrows, two wives and a frog.

VILA: sitting by the river brushing her long hair.

WHY FOX HAS WHITE PAWS: oh that scroungy, messy fox.

THE MIRROR, CARPET AND A LEMON: when a princess shrivels from sour grief.

MORGIANA'S DANCE: from Ali Baba and the forty thieves

### **SCANDINAVIAN:**

FOX AND BEAR: one up, one down, on and on.

TITTLETURE: straw to gold and hidden names.

BILLY GOAT'S GRUFF: trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap

MIDNIGHT SUN: what kept the sun stuck?

### MEXICAN/SOUTH AMERICAN/NATIVE AMERICAN/INUIT:

MAIZE: "...what a wonderful smell," thought fox. RABBIT and JAGUAR: which is the boss? RAVEN AND WHALE: when the lamp goes out. BENDING WILLOW: when the young girl finds clean water. BUTTERFLIES: when Great Mystery cured tears. SKELETON WOMAN: puzzling the broken journey of love

FIRST FLUTE: the gentle spirit of beauty.