



Mark Vollmer & Jim Eaglesmith: StorySongs

Performing Arts: Music & Visual Arts

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Program Types

Workshops, Performances

Language Proficiencies

English

Fees

Contact to inquire

Availability

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Audiences

Schools (grades pre-K-12), college, young adult, adult, seniors, at risk, incarcerated individuals, social service groups, hospital and healthcare groups

Venues

Schools, community organizations, juvenile justice facilities, and healthcare facilities

Technical requirements

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Counties

Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe.

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A Nevada resident since 1988, Mark Vollmer explored the state first as a geologist then as an award-winning photographer, workshop instructor, and writer. He shares his love of photography via teaching, publishing images and articles, and presenting slide shows to community groups and schools. Jim Eaglesmith is a lifelong songwriter, performer and storyteller, entertaining in Nevada and internationally since the early 1980s. He has written and directed music for local adult and youth theater companies.

Vollmer and Eaglesmith passionately offer their StorySongs program and workshops to all ages. They bring together Mark's stunning outdoor photographs and Jim's inspiring music to demonstrate the importance of connecting with nature. Audiences see and hear fascinating stories of local geology and humans' relationship to animals and the earth. Jim's singing, songwriting, and lively storytelling culminate with audience participation. The goal of StorySongs is for participants to gain a deeper understanding of how the earth supports life in a harmonious way, and that each of them can be an integral and welcome part of it.

Vollmer and Eaglesmith have presented in schools, libraries, and museums throughout Western Nevada as teaching artists on the Nevada Arts Council's roster, as well as through the Pioneer Center Youth Program, and at the Great Basin Outdoor School at Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Their music DVD *StorySongs: From the Soul of the American West* was funded in part by the Nevada Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts.

School and Community Workshops

StorySongs: Music, photography, geology, storytelling, poetry, journaling and creative writing can be presented and/or taught in any combination, or separately, through a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Professional Development Workshops

The Art of Healing: hospital staff and social workers learn how nature photography and uplifting music aids in physical, mental, emotional and spiritual healing.

The Science of Music and Photography in the Natural World: educators and recreation professionals learn how music and visual arts, combined with earth sciences, can profoundly affect our understanding of nature's beauty and the need to preserve it. Jim and Mark show educators and staff how to enlighten students with this blend of art and science.

Creative Aging: StorySongs is now available through the Lifetime Arts/Nevada Arts Council Creative Aging program.