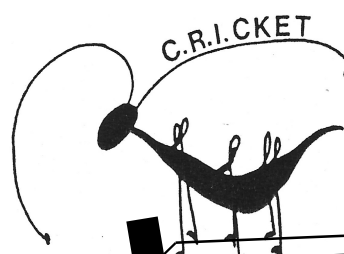


Preschool -
Grade 8
Family Audiences
Special Populations



Since 1989, educational, entertaining programs that delight and inspire people of all ages with **LIVE ANIMALS**, storytelling, music, magic and audience participation.

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE! *Animals Only*

Join an imaginary safari adventure as we explore caves, scale trees, and swim oceans to discover animals you might think are a bit scary ... *spiders, snakes, bats, sharks, lizards, and wasps!* Your safari guide will take a good look at animals that frighten people ... nature's living monsters ... to see just how dangerous they really are. *Live animals are found on our hunt!*

ANIMAL INVENTORS

Audiences delight in meeting "*Professor Gizmo Gearloose*" who has explored the world of inventions and inventors. Which came first ... Turtle shells or hard hats? Snakeskin or camouflage clothing? Flight from birds or airplanes? *Using live animals, the Professor compares animal adaptations — the inventions of Mother Nature — with copycat human inventions.*

DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES

Take a new look at the popular prehistoric giants that still baffle the scientific world. Children become detectives with "*Paleontologist Illinois Bones*" to learn about the world of dinosaurs. Fossils are discovered to create awareness of dinosaur sizes, footprints, eggs, horns, teeth, and bones. *Live animals of today are compared to dinosaurs of the past.*

EARTHKEEPERS *Native American Legends and the Environment*

Join the "*Earthkeeper*" and discover the secrets of the magical game bag while learning about the environment. Tribal legends and live animals will inspire you to love, respect, and care for the Earth. Dance and chant to the beating drum! Discover how the great web of life encircles the plants, the animals, and the people.

NEW with
ANIMALS!

ANIMALS IN WINTER

Facts & fun stories teach us how animals survive in winter; who migrates, hibernates or stays active?

LIVE ANIMALS

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE! *Substance Abuse*

While on safari, explore the dangers facing us in the world today. Take a look at health problems that should frighten people — society's monsters like **alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs** — to see how dangerous they really are. Live animals are used to determine what is fact and what is fiction. This unique presentation thoughtfully combines the issues of health and nature with an entertaining and meaningful message.

Qualifies for Safe & Drug-Free Entitlement Money

Great for
SNOW EVENTS!

**THE JOURNEY STARTS NOW...
DON'T FORGET YOUR MAP!**

Bad things happen to good people. My two high school sons discovered this on their trip to Yosemite National Park. Lost overnight in the wilderness near Half Dome ... this is their story. A story of having a plan go wrong ... of making a new plan to save their lives. Discover survival tips for the wilderness and discover survival tips for your life.

(5th grade & older)

MUSIC
SHOWS

THE FIRST FLUTE *Songs & Stories of the Tribes*

Listen to Kokopelli's flute! The first flute of North America will be discovered by all who listen! Native American stories are woven with songs played on different tribal flutes. Audience participation in our "tribal band" using authentic rhythm instruments. **Variation: *Stories of the Tribes Met by Lewis & Clark***

THE FIRST FLUTE *Stories From Around the World*

Bone flutes, clay flutes, bamboo flutes wooden flutes, metal flutes, shell flutes, PVC flutes! Flutes from around the world are played on our journey. Stories from many cultures are shared. Audience participation in the "jam band" with authentic rhythm instruments!

"the best assembly we've ever had... your enthusiasm is contagious!"
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\$350-\$600 double
\$450-\$900 triple



Jim Walser: Story-n-Actor

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STORYTELLING AND THE THREE R'S *Fun For Everyone*

According to the U.S. Department of Education, "Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity one can do to raise a reader." Storytelling and the Three R's *Fun for Everyone* features live animals, audience participation, pirate treasures, hobo travels, and mountain man adventures. It's a fun filled show that inspires children to love reading and teaches adults simple storytelling techniques that make reading aloud to children more enjoyable. **Read to Succeed: Read Aloud, Read Along, Read Alone!**

ADVENTURES ACROSS AMERICA *One Country Many Stories*

America is a melting pot of people from all around the world. The great American story includes my story, your story, our story — history. Adventures Across America takes a fun filled look at the humorous adventures and inspirational stories of the people who make America great. It informs, delights, inspires, and unites audiences of all ages.

TEACH THE MIND, TOUCH THE HEART *Character Education*

If *character counts* . . . If respect, responsibility, and reason count as much as reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. . . If *pride* (Polite, Responsible, Individuals Doing Extra) is important. . . If your children like storytelling, skits, live animals, magic, music, and audience participation . . . If good character is a matter of choice, not chance . . . Choose Teach the Mind, Touch the Heart!

EARTH DAY EVERY DAY *Green Lifestyles*

Discover the beauty and the beast in all creatures as seen by *"The Phantom of the Opera"*. Enjoy the fruits of recycling with grave robber *"Barnaby P. Scrapps"*. Visit the polluted *"Mr. Codgers Neighborhood"*. Learn from a Native American Indian legend to live simply so that others may simply live. Help save the earth through the *"Magic of Whopperfield!"*



DOWN ON THE FARM

Tall tales and true stories about the mischievous adventures of farm boys hatching "pony eggs", churning butter with frog legs, getting sprayed by a skunk, bitten by a snapping turtle, and zapped by an electric fence. Whoeee! Fun for everyone!

IT'S GOING TO STING ME!

Ghoulies and ghosties...and long-legged beasties...and creepers and crawlers ... and scuttlers and slinkers... and sounds that go bump in the night. Funny stories about animals nobody loves... bees and wasps... spiders and ticks... chiggers and 'skeeters... snakes and skunks. . . help us face our fears and teach us a healthy respect for all animals. Good old fashioned family fun!



HAUNTED HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Costumed characters tell spooky stories about creepy critters that tingle the spine and tickle the funny bone! LIVE ANIMALS add to the excitement of The Headless Horseman, Wiley and the Hairy Man, Roger William's Bones, and The Haunted Forest. Perfect for everything from Halloween parties to campfire programs.

FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

Live animals, stories, songs, and games just right for preschoolers. The Itsy Bitsy Spider, There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly, I'm Being Swallowed by a Boa Constrictor, Herman the Worm, Going on a Bear Hunt, The Other Day I Met a Bear, and Simon Says provide fun and excitement!!!

ANIMAL STORIES AND GAMES

Old fashioned fun and new fangled games for all you party animals. Wild and crazy animal stories like The Snake Bit Hoe Handle, and wacky party games like slithering snake, sleeping rattler, and fly catcher guarantee fun for everyone. And if that's not enough, there are, of course, live animals that are the star attractions of all C.R.I.CKET shows.

BEYOND BELIEF *Spirit of the Season* *Stories for Adults*

Every season should be a season of good cheer and these stories will warm the hearts, soothe the souls, and tickle the funny bones of adult audiences all year. These are not traditional holiday stories, but they do share the spirit of the holiday season which is peace and love and joy and hope and good will to all. Stories to entertain, enlighten, and uplift adults.



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