



Leeny Del Seamonds

Master Story Performer™

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Leeny Del Seamonds, Master Story Performer™, is an award-winning, internationally acclaimed master performer of Hispanic/Latino, original and World stories spiced with exquisite mime, a cornucopia of characters, and love of people. With a twinkle in her eye and fire in her heart, Leeny breathes life into her stories, as she masterfully and effortlessly springs from one story character to another. A dedicated Teaching Artist with a B.A. in Theatre/Performing Arts, Leeny encourages listeners to feel positive about themselves and to rejoice in human and cultural diversity, inviting them to share in her Latin/Cuban-American sense of humor and love of performing.

The **2002 National Storyteller of the Year®**, Leeny has been featured at major festivals, conferences, community events, corporate functions, museums, libraries, school systems and universities nationally and internationally and has been published in *Storytelling Magazine*, *Tale Trader*, *Museletter*, and *Ahhhh! A Tribute to Brother Blue*. Her highly acclaimed recording, "*¡Ay Caramba! ¡Ay Ay Ay! Cuentos y Canciones (Latino Stories & Songs)*," takes listeners on a journey through Leeny's rich Latino heritage and won a **2003 Parents' Choice Silver Award**. Leeny's musical CD, "*CelloTales: The Melding of Music, Myth & Memories*," created and performed with cellist Gideon Freudmann, won a **2004 Parents' Choice Gold Award** and a **2005 Storytelling World Award**. Both CD's received favorable endorsements from *Booklist* and *School Library Journal*.

Leeny Del Seamonds has been headliner at the National Storytelling Festival and Teller-in-Residence at the International Storytelling Center, both in Jonesborough, TN, as well as headliner at "Gimistory," The Cayman Islands International Storytelling Festival, BWI; Virginia Storytelling Alliance Gathering in Richmond, VA; Tcha Tee Man Wi Storytelling Festival in Corvallis, OR; Three Apples Storytelling Festival in Harvard, MA; Prairie Center for the Arts Storytelling Festival, IL; and Smoky Hill River Festival in Kansas. She has been featured at dozens of national festivals, including Clearwater Great Hudson River Revival in New York and Corn Island Storytelling Festival in Louisville, KY. Leeny has been a featured performer at seven First Night Boston celebrations; and in September 2004 was headliner at the Baltimore Book Festival, sponsored by Parents' Choice Foundation.

"Leeny's expressive voice transmits the magic of storytelling"—Booklist Magazine

"Leeny is funny, irreverent, smart, sassy—and a dynamite storyteller as well!"—Jane Yolen, Author

"We received an overwhelming, positive response for Leeny's dynamic program!"—J. F. Kennedy Library & Museum

"Leeny, a heartfelt thank you for joining us in Jonesborough—you are truly a wonderful ambassador for storytelling!"—Susan O'Connor, Director of Programs, International Storytelling Center

"Leeny told stories with Cuban-American ebullience at First Night Boston 2004."—Boston Phoenix (Editor's Picks)

"Leeny, you were magnificent! Thanks for gracing my show with your beautiful talent, warmth and wit."—Jordan Rich, WBZ Radio, Boston, MA

"Leeny Del Seamonds brings all her gestures and inflections to bear. Her conviction, dedication and passion are downright infectious."—Boston Herald

Workshops & In-Service Where Hearts Shine...

- Creative Dramatics
- Mime, Movement & Improvisation
- A Time for Mime
- Making the Most of Your Voice
- Telling A Tale
- ¡Ay Caramba – Dos!
- From Storybook to Storyteller:
Making the Story Your Own!
- Breathing Life Into Your Story Characters

(Available in single, series and residency formats.
45 minutes long with a maximum of 28 students.)



Programs Where Stories Come Alive...

Foibles, Folklore & Fun!
Tales, Trials & Tribulations
The Star Inside
¡Ay Caramba!
The Nature of Things
For the Birds!
The Home of the Brave
Hooray for Heroes!
Which Way to the Witch?
Winter Magic Tales
Far Out! A Spacial Odyssey
I'magic'nation
Millennium Myths & Madness!
Kudos for Courage & Kindness!*CelloTales (with cellist Gideon Freudmann)*

* Available through Young Audiences of Massachusetts

For Adults: **It Takes Two to Tango**
More or Less Amour

"One of New England's most beloved storytellers, Leeny Del Seamonds is best known for her high energy and her Hispanic programs, often incorporating improvisational theatre and mime in her work." - The Tale Trader

"Leeny, thank you sooo much for taking time to come into our classrooms to teach us how to be a great actor and storyteller, like you! We learned how to speak loud and clear "to Chicago" and how to make different voices and expressions while performing and giving book reports. Hope you come back soon!" - 5th Grade Students, Hillside School, Needham, MA



Leeny performs "¡Ay Caramba!"

"Storytelling is a profoundly powerful tool to teach, entertain and heal. It stimulates listeners' imaginations through vivid word pictures and physical expression without the aid of electronic media, immersing them in a language-rich environment. In stories, listeners are transported to safe places where they find reflections of themselves in the stories they hear and tell, as they identify with the story characters' emotions, values, challenges and triumphs, while taking the stories to heart. The storytelling experience can be profound and personal and is unsurpassed as a tool for learning about ourselves and about the thoughts and feelings of others. It also promotes a sense of community, as families and friends come together to experience the joy and healing power of stories. Together, let's LIVE THE STORY—Vive el cuento!" - Leeny Del Seamonds, Master Story Performer™

"Leeny's stories suited the day exactly—well chosen, performed perfectly, and fitting right in with our emphasis on Latin American culture. Families sought us out afterward to compliment us on finding her!" - Judi Paradis, Program Coordinator, Arlington's Día de los Muertos Fiesta