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Storytelling and Story-making Workshops and Performances since 2000

- Manitoba Arts Council, Artist in the Schools Program, 1987 - Present
- South Dakota Arts Council, Artist in the Schools Program, 1995 - 2007
- Arts in Motion, Performances for Young Audiences, 1993 - Present
- January, 2000, Sundog Storytelling Festival, Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature
- June 1-4, 2000, The Yukon International Storytelling Festival; Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.
- September 30, 2000, Stories At The Heart, Storyteller of Canada/Conteurs du Canada, Annual Conference, Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature
- February 2001, 2nd Annual Sundog Storytelling Festival,
- December 17, 2001, Grand Forks Public Library, Grand Forks, North Dakota
- January 2003, Festival du Voyageur, pre-festival Rivertrail events at The Forks
- February 2003, Manitoba Museum of Man & Nature Storytelling Month
- November 23, 2003, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Family Sunday
- March 11, 2005 Good For the Crocodiles, Magic of One Storytelling Series, Winnipeg
- June 1, 2006; Inaugural Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival, Millenium Library
- May 10-11, 2007; Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival
- May 19, 2007, Canmore Children's Festival, Canmore Alberta
- June 9-10, 2007 Winnipeg International Children's Festival
- May 7-10, 2008; Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival

THEATRE

- 1992 - Winnipeg Fringe Festival; wrote and performed TOLD BY AN IDIOT
- 1993 - The Manitoba Association of Playwrights' Short Shot Series; SPANISH LESSONS,
- May 21-31, 1997 - THE TOMATO KING, production of Theatre Projects, directed by Kim McCaw; featuring Martine Friesen, Richard Hurst and Harry Nelken.
- February 4-14, 1998 - THE BIRTHDAY PROJECT, Short Shots Festival, short play POP.

ARTS EDUCATION *Since 2000*

- 1996-8, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006 - Young Authors Conference Winnipeg School Division
- 1996 -2000, and 2002 - Poetry Workshop, Creative Retirement Centre, Winnipeg
- January-June 2000 - 2003, 2006, 2007 - mentor in the Emerging Writers Mentorship Program sponsored by the Manitoba Writers' Guild
- May 2003 - August 2004 - Manitoba Artists in Healthcare, St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg
- October 24, 2003 - SAG, special area groups conference, Manitoba Association for School Librarians, Catching the Story: Voice, Text and Movement in Storytelling
- October 22, 2004 - SAG, special area groups conference, Manitoba Association of Teachers of English (MATE), Glenlawn Collegiate; Unplugged: Voice, Text in Poetry and Story
- November 24, 2006. LIFT Conference for Southwest Manitoba Teachers, Brandon. Presentation, *Voice Into Text: Storytelling and Poetry*

- April 27, 2007; Poetry and Storytelling Workshop for Fort La Bosse School Division Librarians
- May-June 2007 - Instructor, Brandon University. Creative Writing 30:274 PENT (Program for Education of Northern Teachers)
- July 9-13, 2007; Manitoba Holiday Festival for the Arts; Neepawa. Suitcase Stories.
- November-December 2007 - Instructor, Brandon University. Creative Writing 30:274 BUHEP (Brandon University Hutterian Education Program)

READINGS 2003 - present

- May 18, 2003 - Manitoba Artists for Healthcare, St Boniface Hospital.
- October 7, 2003 - featured reader, Speaking Crow poetry night. Academy Coffee House, Winnipeg
- October 15, 2003 - St. Boniface Hospital, Winnipeg, Manitoba Artists for Healthcare
- December 21, 2003 - January 3/04, Residency at Casa Del Escritor (House of the Writer) Miguel Hernandez, San Martin 851, Concepcion, Chile.
- December 28, 2003 - Group reading with *El Sindicat del Escritores* (Writers' Union of Concepcion, in celebration of The National Day of the Writer.
- December 31, 2003 - Poetry in the Ruins; in the ruins of *El Teatro Enrique Molina*, Avenida Victor Lamas, Concepcion, Chile. Produced by Lucy Henriquez; directed by Ricardo Mahnke; music by Guillermo Leighton. Available (untranslated) in DVD.
- March 10, 2004 - CBC Radio 2004 Poetry Face-Off. Commissioned to write and perform at regional event, Academy Coffee House
- August 7-8, 2004 - Brandon Folk Festival; Children's tent; tweener on Mainstage
- November 12, 2004 - Prairie Fire Wordfest, McNally Robinson Booksellers, Winnipeg.
- April 10, 2005 - League of Canadian Poets, National Poetry Month reading with Carol Rose at Etz Chayim Synagogue, Winnipeg.
- April 15, 2005 - with George Payerle at University of Brandon and Second Troy, Brandon Manitoba.
- April 20, 2005 - Launch of Prairie Fire Tribute to Carl Ridd, McNally Robinson Grant Park
- July 23, 2005 - Brandon Folk Festival, Sundog 7; spoken word, Mainstage
- November 28, 2005 - Concepcion, Chile; Premiere of Poesia en Ruinas; Spanish Language Documentary of South American launch of Foreign Graces/Bendiciones Ajenas. December 15, 2005 - Jewish Book Fair Winnipeg
- April 15, 2006 - Free Your Mind Reading Series, Aqua Books, Winnipeg
- April 23, 2006 - The Manitoba Writers' Guild Poetry In Motion Launch; The Forks, Winnipeg
- April 28, 2006 - Vincent Massey Collegiate, Brandon Manitoba. The League of Canadian Poets Poetry in the Schools Reading Program
- July 28-30, 2006, Brandon Folk Festival, Poetry performance plus Workshop on Voice
- September 2006 ThinAir: Winnipeg International Writers' Festival.
- September 19, 10:30-11:30 AM, North Cypress Library, Carberry, Manitoba
- September 19, 1:30-2:30 PM, South Cypress Library, Glenboro, Manitoba
- September 19, 8:00 PM, Mainstage Reading, The Forks, Winnipeg
- September 20, 11:00 AM-Noon, Red River College, Princess Campus, Winnipeg
- October 10, 2006 - Winnipeg Launch of Time Out of Mind, McNally Robinson Booksellers, Grant Park
- October 14, 2006 - 7:30 PM, Brandon, Manitoba Launch of Time Out Of Mind at The Elephant Room, Brandon University.
- October 16, 2006 (with Di Brandt) - 7:00PM at the Book & Brier Patch, Regina,
- October 17, 2006 (with Di Brandt) - 8:00PM at McNally Robinson Booksellers, Saskatoon
- October 19, 2006 - 7:30 PM. Outloud Reading Series, Winnipeg Millenium Library

- October 24, 2006 - 8:00 PM, ArtBar Poetry Series, Victory Café, Toronto
- November 1, 2006 - 7:30 PM, Stumblintongues Reading Series, Toronto
- November 13, 2006 - 7:30 - 9:00 PM, West Vancouver Memorial Library, Vancouver, BC
- November 19, 2006 - Vancouver Jewish Book Festival Poetry Brunch in the L'chaim Lounge; storytelling (with Kay Stone) in the Dayson Boardroom.
- December 5, 2006 - 8:00 PM, Speaking Crow Reading, Academy Bar & Eatery, Winnipeg.
- March 16-17, 2007 - reading and presentation at the Brandon University Symposium of Poetry and Science
- March 21, 2007 - World Poetry Day Reading at McNally Robinson Bookseller's Winnipeg
- April 21, 2007; Quatrains & Chocolate; Nominees for the Lansdowne Prize for Poetry; Augustine United Church, Winnipeg\
- May 5, 2007 Reading with Paul Quarrington and Pork Belly Futures, The Music Box, Brandon
- May 9, 2007 - Crocus Plains High School, Brandon, Manitoba The League of Canadian Poets', Poetry in the Schools Reading Program
- July 27-29, 2007; Brandon Folk Music and Arts Festival; Mainstage
- August 2007, Clear Lake Chamber Music Festival; premier of *At The Urinal*; commissioned collaboration with composer Randolph Peters
- April 24, 2008, Manitoba Book Week, PennyWise Books, Brandon MB

AWARDS and GRANTS

- 1988, 1992, 1997, 2002 Manitoba Arts Council Writers' Grant B
- 1990, 1997 Honourable Mention, League of Canadian Poets Annual Contest
- 1994 Third Place, 1994 Dandelion Poetry Contest.
- 1996 Manitoba Arts Council Playwrights Commission and Development Grant
- 1998 Honourable Mention Arc Magazine Poem of The Year Contest
- 1999 Second and Third Places, Bliss Carman Poetry Awards, Prairie Fire Magazine
- 2002, 2006 Patricia Blondal Memorial Summer Writers' Retreat, Arnes, MB.
- 2003 First Place, Prairie Fire Fiction Contest for *While the Librarian Sleeps*
- 2004 National Magazine Gold Medal in fiction for *While the Librarian Sleeps*
- 2005 Manitoba Arts Council Writers' A Grant
- September 2006, short listed for Metcalf-Rooke Award for a manuscript of unpublished fiction, *Laughing Matter*
- March 2007; short listed for the 2006 McNally-Robinson Book of the Year Award and the inaugural Lansdowne Prize for Poetry
- April 28/07 awarded the 2007 Lansdowne Prize for Poetry
- June 2007 Appointed: Poet Laureate of the Brandon Folk Festival, three year term.
- September 2007 Deep Bay Cabin Artists Residency, Riding Mountain National Park of Canada
- 2006-7-8; shortlisted for 2007 CBC Literary Awards, creative nonfiction
- April 2008, runner up, Malahat Review Novella Contest

HISTORY OF PUBLICATION

BOOKS

- **TIME OUT OF MIND**, poetry, 120 pages; Oolichan Books, Lantzville BC, 2006.
- **FOREIGN GRACES/BENDICIONES AJENAS**, poetry (bilingual), The Muses' Co., Winnipeg, Manitoba. 1999. 96 pages.
- **GOVERNING BODIES**, poetry (chapbook), Turnstone Press, Winnipeg, 1988.

ANTHOLOGIES

- *MIDNIGHT TRAIN*, Creative Non-fiction in *A/Cross Sections: New Manitoba Writing; Manitoba Writers' Guild*, Winnipeg 2007.
- RADIO DAYS, prose poem in *Speaking Crow Anthology*, Winnipeg, 2001
- A DANCE WITH CHAGALL, poem; in *VINTAGE 97-98*, The League of Canadian Poets, Quarry Press, Kingston, Ontario; 1998.
- DUETS IN THE DUST, short fiction in *STAG LINE: Stories By Men*; selected by Bonnie Burnard, Coteau Books, Regina, 1995.
- GIVING UP THE GHOST, prose poem in *WRITING HOME: The Family Stories Writing Contest Chapbook*, (Manitoba Writers' Guild) Winnipeg, 1994.
- THE LAME, poem in *MORE POWER TO YOU: The Power of Words Contest Anthology*; The Manitoba Writers' Guild, Winnipeg, 1993.
- THE FISH PLANT; poem in *MORE GARDEN VARIETIES TWO*, in the League of Canadian Poets; Mercury Press (Aya), Stratford Ontario, 1990.

MAGAZINES AND JOURNALS

- MR TOGETHER, fiction in *Grain*, Vol. 34 #4 Regina, 2007.
- GUBERMAN, creative non-fiction in *Prairie Fire*; Vol. 27, #4; Winnipeg 2007
- COMING TO MY SENSE, poem in Canadian Creative Arts un Health, Training and Education eNews/journal; <http://www.cmclean.com>, Issue 3, 2006.
- Three poems (The PRESENTATION OF SELF, FIRST DOOR ON THE LEFT, THE GOODS) plus feature interview in *Contemporary Verse Two*, Spring '06.
- An excerpt from WINNIPEG; in *Poetry in Motion*. Displayed on buses of Winnipeg Transit Services, April 2006.
- An excerpt from LOCAL COLOUR; in *Take the Poetry Route*. Displayed on buses of Edmonton Transit Services, January 2006. .
- LIGHTS OUT, poem, *Prairie Fire* (Winnipeg), Volume 26, #1, Spring 2005.
- WHILE THE LIBRARIAN SLEEPS, short fiction; *Prairie Fire* (Winnipeg); Volume 25, #2, Summer 2004.
- FADEAWAY JUMP, poem; *Prairie Fire* (Winnipeg), Volume 24, No. 1, Spring 2003
- An excerpt from LOCAL COLOUR; in *Poetry in Motion*. Displayed on local public transit, sponsored by Manitoba Writers' Guild, Canada Council, City of Winnipeg Transit, March, 2000.
- SENILE DEMENTIA and MYOPIA, poems, in *Prairie Fire* (Winnipeg), Volume 21, No. 1, Spring 2000.
- WINNIPEG, poem, in *Prairie Fire* (Winnipeg), 1999.
- CHAGALL DIPS HIS BRUSH/CHAGALL MOJA SU PINCEL and THE SOUL SQUEEZER/LA EXPRIMIDORA DE ALMAS, poems in *Contemporary Verse Two*, (Winnipeg), Volume 21 No. 4, Spring 1999
- BREATHING THROUGH THE FEET, in *Arc*, (Ottawa), No. 41, Autumn 1998
- CANADIAN WILD, poem in *Contemporary Verse Two*, (Winnipeg) Vol. 20, #4, Spring 1998.
- OUTSIDE EDEN, poem in *Contemporary Verse Two*, (Winnipeg), Vol. 19, #4, Spring 1997.
- A JEW'S CHRISTMAS UNVEILED and THE FORECAST, prose poems in *Prairie Fire*, (Winnipeg) Vol. 17, #3, Autumn 1996.
- DOWNHILL FROM HERE, poem in *Dandelion*, (Calgary), Vol. 21, #1, summer 1994.
- FEATHERS, poem, *Zygote*, (Winnipeg), Winter 1994.
- THE CONSOLATION OF SMALL ENGINES, poem in *TickleAce*, (St. John's, Nfld.), #23, Spring/Summer 1992.
- LOCAL COLOUR, BOLDFACE; poems in *Prism International*, (Vancouver), Vol. 29 #3, 1991.
- THE SPRINT, poem in *Prairie Fire* (Winnipeg), Vol. X #4, Winter '90.

- ANGEL IN THE SNOW; CHURCHILL, MANITOBA; FORTY YEARS IN THE DESERT, three poems in **Prairie Fire** (Winnipeg), Vol. IX #4, Winter '89.
- THE WASH; poem, **The Fiddlehead**, (Saint John, NB), 3157, Autumn '88.
- CATCH AND RELEASE; poem, (as BIG DADDY) **NeWest Review**, (Calgary), Vol. 13 #8, April '88.
- PEANUTS, HERE; poem in **Grain** (Regina), Vol. XV #3, '87.