

Hybrid Storytelling Festival 2023

Brief profile of storytellers

Sally Pomme Clayton is a pioneering storyteller and writer creating unique performances and publications. With sparkling words, playful humour, and haunting images she performs fairy tales, romances, fragments of forgotten myths, witty folktales, mysterious legends, and wild epics. She creates dark and gleaming stories set in strange worlds that seem strangely close. Her performances are captivating, tender, elegantly crafted and shot through with songs and unusual musical sounds.

Pomme creates and performs stories for everyone, from: Soho Theatre to Northern Stage; Totally Thames to Bloomsbury Festival; The London Gypsy Orchestra to The London Philharmonic Orchestra; Royal Shakespeare Company to The Royal Opera House etc. Pomme has published 15 children's books. She also writes texts for composers and musicians, among them: David Bruce; Jogglers; Dario Marianelli.

Sudha Umashanker is a Freelance Journalist with bylines in leading newspapers of the country such as The Hindu, The Times of India, The Indian Express, The New Indian Express, The Asian Age, and The Economic Times. She forayed into Storytelling about nine years ago and enjoys telling stories to children and adults. She has used Storytelling to create awareness about social issues like Gender violence, Infertility, Environment protection, Personal safety, etc. Sudha is a founder of Storycorner at Bookmine, an organisation that promotes excellence in Storytelling.

Angela Halvorsen Bogo is a facilitator and performer with thirty years of experience using play, storytelling, movement, improvisation, meditation, and clowning to facilitate change in individuals and organisations.

She is passionate about using modern techniques to help people feel more connected, conscious, and alive. Through the power of play, individuals discover more of who they are so that living and working is more fun, easy, and creative. Work becomes more innovative and productive - increasing results and competitive edge, while reducing ineffective meetings and high turnover.

Ambujavalli N is an IT professional turned storyteller-trainer and public speaker. She is known for the performance elements that she weaves into her stories. She is comfortably bilingual (English and Thamizh) Audiences loves her energy, humour, and more importantly, her spontaneity. She has curated a Spiritual series that combines slokas and stories of Hindu deities: "All in All Aadhyantha", "Spectacular Shiva", and "Versatile Vishnu" to name a few.

Debjani Bhaduri is a storyteller and an instructor. She conducts storytelling and theatre workshops to people of all ages. She enjoys telling stories and brings a lot of humour and fun to her Storytelling work.

Tim Sheppard is UK storyteller and storytelling coach. He is a founder of popular storytelling performance company Word Weavers. He has an experience of 30 years in training storytellers in the art of presence and connection, through experiential play.

Geethanjali Javed directs the Spotlight Academy, through which she trains children in soft skills using storytelling as one of the tools. She has a PG in English Literature. She also trains teachers to enhance children's English-language speaking skills through storytelling.