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OBJECTIVE

To stress the importance of literacy, the benefits of mutual respect, the development of problem solving skills and the enhancement of self esteem by augmenting global awareness and the cultural validation of all children.

QUALIFICATIONS

I am a lover of language and have found success in teaching languages by appealing to the diverse learning modalities of our children. I have used storytelling for all age groups, from infants to adults as a medium for individualized instruction and/or entertainment. I have received national recognition for my contributions to the preservation of the oral tradition and have been featured in several audio recordings. I have mentored and coached youth performers including my daughter, Amber, who was judged by the National Storytelling Youth Olympics Committee as the number one youth storyteller in America in the year 2000. I have taught many students who have themselves received awards in national foreign language competitions under my instruction. I have received recognition for my writings. I love children. I love helping them discover their creativity, innovation, and hidden abilities. I love to make them laugh. I have engaged audiences of many cultures and backgrounds. I believe that, "the best action is INTERaction!"

EDUCATION

1977-1981 B.S. in Secondary Education. Spanish—Chicago State University
1991-1993 Graduate coursework in French and Bilingual Education—Nova University, FL

EDUCATIONAL CREDITS

1981 Who's Who in International Students
1981 Outstanding Senior Scholar, Chicago State University
1981 Cooke Award for Academic Achievement, Chicago State University

EMPLOYMENT

1996 - Present Multilingual Storyteller and Workshop Presenter, Global Communication

Writes and/or performs a variety of stories, songs and rhymes in Spanish, French, English, Sign Language and Haitian Creole. Designs programs for children of all ages. Creates educational components available for all programs, as well as award winning recordings. Incorporates dance and movement into many programs. Travels and researches stories and other informations from both the oral and written traditions of many lands, (i.e. Spain, France, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Haiti and the Dominican Republic).

1990-1994 Teacher, Collier County Public Schools, Naples, Florida

Taught Reading, Spanish, and Geography. (Grades pre-Kindergarten to 8)
Taught Language Arts in Spanish, English and Haitian Creole (Grades 6-8)
Taught Second grade Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students in conjunction with the Migrant Education Program.
Developed advanced credit curriculum (Spanish/High School) for State Accreditation.

1984-1990 Teacher, District 202 Evanston Township High School

Taught Spanish. Collaborated on Foreign Exchange programs to Strasbourg, France and Girona, Spain

1981-1983 Freelance Interpreter for the Deaf, Chicago Hearing Society

Served as an interpreter for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in the fields of Medicine, Justice, and Education

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ARTISTIC TRAINING

- Received professional training and critiquing in Storytelling theory and technique, in a workshop environment, from the following nationally recognized storytellers:
 - Johnny Moses • Syd Leiberman • Baba Jamal Koram • Margaret Read MacDonald
 - Diane Ferlatte • Jim May • Donald Davis • Mary Hamilton
 - Laura Simms • Peter Cook • Michael McCarty • Carol Birch
 - Bobby Norfolk • Elizabeth Ellis • Corinne Stavish • Ed Stivender
 - Dylan Pritchard • Mitch Capel • And more...
- Received professional training and critiquing in Storytelling theory and technique, and the art of dramatization from the following institutions:
 - Chicago State University, Theater Department
 - Northland’s Storytelling Network, School of Storytelling
 - National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN
 - Betty Weeks Conference, National Louis University, IL
 - National Storytelling Conference, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL CREDITS

- Shared venues with the following acclaimed performers:
 - Len Cabral • Peter Cook • Kala JoJo • Michael Parent
 - Janice Del Negro • Nelson Gill • Dan Keding • Corinne Stavish
 - Mary Hamilton • Beth Homer • Susan Stone • Tom and Chris Kastle
 - Ella Jenkins • Jim May • Ed Stivender • Linda Gorham
 - Angela Lloyd • Lynn Maroney • Judith Simundson • And many more...
- Received the following nationally recognized awards in the area of the spoken word:
 - Parents’ Choice Award, 2001 “**Shake Your TALE Feathers**” *multicultural*
 - National Parenting Publications Award, 2001 “**Shake Your TALE Feathers**” *multicultural*
 - Awarded Pegasus Award, 2001-2002 for “**Finding True North**” *multicultural*
 - Parents’ Choice Award, 2002 “**SOL Mates**” *bilingual Spanish/English*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH SADARRI BELONGS

- **NSN:** *National Storytelling Network*
 - **ASE:** *Chicago Association of Black Storytellers*
 - *Illinois Storytelling Inc.*
 - *Northlands Storytelling Network*
 - **NABS:** *National Association of Black Storytellers*