

PERFORMERS: STORYTELLING

Anndrena Belcher

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Age/Years Experience: 25 years experience

Available to perform: as a solo artist

as part of a group, with Melanie Remine

Performance areas and styles: **Storytelling**; Singing: original and traditional; dance;

Dance calling: old time play party games

My Performance: Anndrena's personal oral history performance integrates folktales, poetry, music, dance, and original and traditional songs to illustrate her east Kentucky roots and the Appalachian migration experience

Venues: all

Set-up Needs: 2 mikes, adjustable stands; straight-back chair, water

Angelyn DeBord

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Gate City, VA 24251

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Age/years experience: 25 years+ experience

Available to perform: as a solo artist

Performance areas and styles: traditional and original stories

My Performance: interactive storytelling

Venues: schools, colleges, festivals, workshops

Set-up needs: 1 mike, handheld if possible

Sparky and Rhonda Rucker

PO Box 5443

Maryville, TN 37802

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Age/Years Experience: many

Performance areas and styles: **Storytelling**, traditional and historical

Banjo, guitar, piano, bones/spoons, singing

My Performance: We perform as a duo, playing old time blues, Appalachian music, and historical songs. We weave history and storytelling in between songs

Venues: all except square dances

Set-up Needs: sound system with 5 mikes; direct box for keyboard

Vicki Simmons

103 South Cumberland

Berea, KY 40403

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Age/Years Experience: 35 years experience

Available to perform: as a solo artist, as part of a group

Performance areas and styles:

Storytelling; Clawhammer banjo; Bass, bluegrass

My Performance: I perform old-time banjo and storytelling at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center

Venues: Small to medium venues, colleges, festivals

Set-up Needs: Small band set-up

Bill Smith

5365 Powell Valley Road

Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

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Age/Years Experience: 56/48

Available to perform: as a solo artist

as part of a group, the group's name is Old, Fat, and Slow

Performance areas and styles:

Storytelling, American; Banjo, old time; Fiddle, old time and bluegrass;

Guitar, blues, old time, bluegrass, and original; Bass, blues, old, blues

Singing, all styles

My Performance: my own style

Venues: all, including tours

Jim and Alberta Stanley

1741 Treetop Road

Appalachia, VA 24216

Age/Years Experience: many

Available to perform: as a solo artist or a duet

Performance areas and styles:

Storytelling: humor; Singing: traditional/folk/gospel

My Performance: Gospel singing, folk singing, traditional mountain ballads

Venues: small to medium, festivals

Set-up Needs: 2 vocal mikes, 1 guitar mike