

Repertoire

Character Education

Animal and Nature Tales

Humorous stories give voice to the creatures around us while teaching valuable lessons.

The Moral of the Story

Character education stories demonstrate the wisdom of cooperation, self-esteem, honesty, responsibility, and respect.

Straight Talk!

Story, prose, and rap focused on drug addiction, gangs, conflict resolution, school violence, and solutions.

Cultural Diversity

Folktales from Around the World!

Dynamic sound effects and lively animation highlight this cultural diversity presentation.

Anansi the Spider

Stories from Africa and the Caribbean that instill wisdom and teach character traits.

Br'er Rabbit Comes to Town!

African-American trickster tales from the historical South delight, amuse, and instruct.

Language Arts

Back to the Books!

Promotes imagination while inspiring a love of reading and books.

Rhythms, Rhymes, & Raps

Kids discover the joy of poetry through a rollicking multicultural tour of raps and traditional verse.

Bobby's Books!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an author of five award-winning books. Bobby reads from his own books, bringing his work to life! Ideal for young authors' conferences.

African-American History

Through the Eyes of York

Inside the Lewis and Clark expedition with Clark's "body servant", York.

This Side Up!

Heroes of the Underground Railroad, including Henry "Box" Brown.

In the Shadow of Lincoln

Lincoln, the Civil War, and the trials and triumphs of African-Americans living in the shadow of slavery.

Harlem Renaissance

Celebrates the first widely recognized artistic achievements of African-Americans. (1890-1940)

Fighting for Freedom!

Explores the impact of race and culture on early St. Louis.

Music

Scott Joplin, The Ragtime King!

Bobby and a ragtime pianist bring to life an American legend.

Drums and Music of Africa!

Features traditional stories, music, clothing, dance, and a guest musician.

The Storytelling Express

Immerse yourself in cultures from around the world through story and live music by a guest musician.

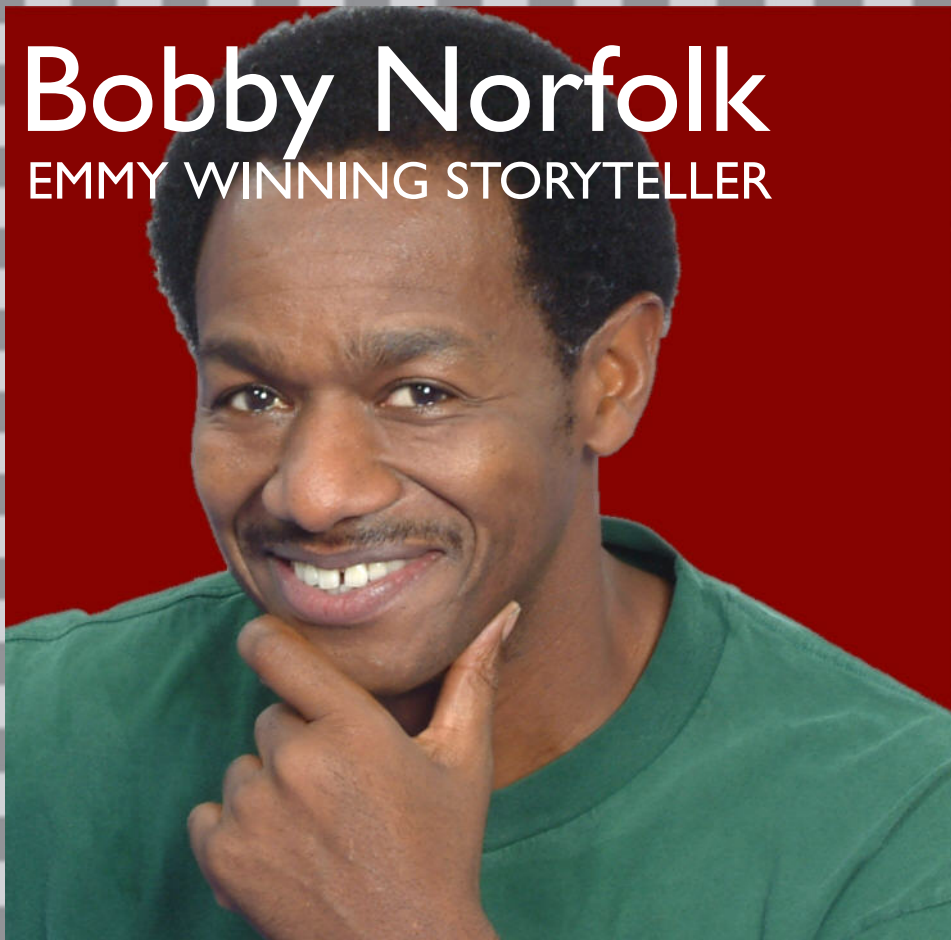
Science & Social Studies

The "Going Green" Groove

A theatrical exploration of energy, sustainability, and alternative thinking. Features live music and two guest performers.

Bobby Norfolk

EMMY WINNING STORYTELLER



Just for Fun!

Monsters, Dragons, & Ogres!

Favorite creatures from the pages of fantasy brought to vivid, 3D life!

Spooky Tales!

Spine-tingling performances of family-friendly ghost and classic horror stories!

Holiday/Party

Celebrate your feast or special event with a dazzling array of festive stories.

Bobby Norfolk

Storyteller, Author & Teaching Artist

Bobby's innate ability to read and connect with audiences of all ages makes him one of the country's premier storytellers. Using dynamic movement and vocal effects, he creates vibrant characters who come to life through imaginative, creative story. His living history programs highlight the African-American experience, while his toe-tapping musical shows feature song and live musicians. Through storytelling, Bobby promotes character education traits, cultural diversity and literacy. He inspires and motivates kids and is a great role model and mentor. "I tell stories to see the happiness and joy that can be shared through the oral tradition. No fancy electronics, just teller and listener."

Bobby began his career as a stand-up comedian and actor while working at the Gateway Arch as a Park Ranger. In 1979, Bobby appeared at the St. Louis Storytelling Festival, and through storytelling was able to combine his theater and comedy background to become a "story-performer."

A three time Emmy winning host of the CBS TV show "Gator Tales", Bobby was recently honored nationally with the Circle of Excellence Award, recognizing master storytellers who set the standard of excellence and commitment to their craft. His CD's have won ten Parents Choice Gold Awards and a first prize from Foreword Magazine. He has co-authored eight award winning children's books, available through August House. He also hosted the Emmy nominated series "Children's Theater at Bobby's House."

Bobby travels both nationally and internationally presenting performances, keynotes, and workshops. A past member of the Board of Directors for the National Storytelling Network, he currently serves on the St. Louis Storytelling Festival Advisory Council.

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Workshops & Keynotes

Bobby's workshops provide a unique perspective and inspired motivation for either adults or children. He offers a more intimate, hands-on training for small group sessions. Themes include storytelling techniques & theater arts, character education, overcoming adversity through role models, staff development, or in-service training. Classes may vary from 60-90 minutes, to all day sessions.

Keynotes for conferences, dinners, corporate events, or staff development address character education techniques in the classroom, or using mentors and role models to help students reach their full potential.

Books & CD's

To order:

August House
Publishers
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augusthouse.com

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promo video

Career Highlights

International Festivals:

Ghana West Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Northern Ireland, Wales, Canada, Egypt

TV:

CBS, Warner Brothers, Telecom Japan, PBS, BET, St. Louis Cable

Venues:

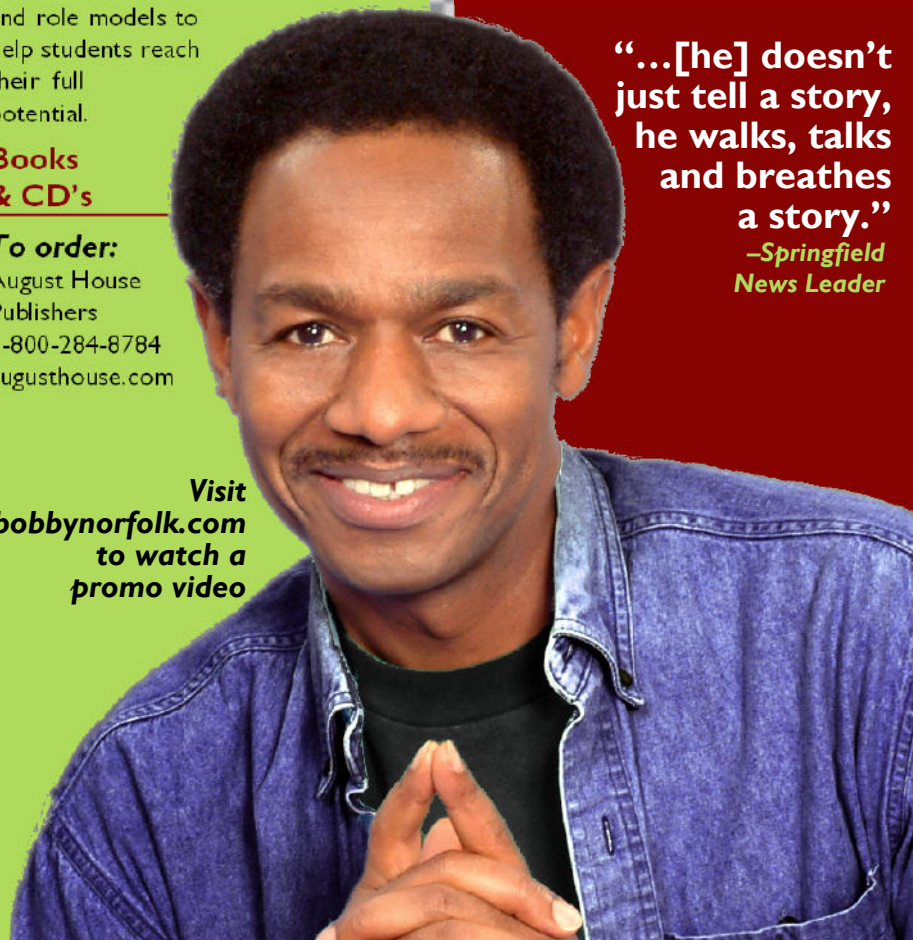
Summer Olympics, Jimmy Carter Center, Bush Stadium, Smithsonian Institution, United Nations, Grand Canyon, National Storytelling Festival, St. Louis Symphony, Anchorage Library District, Young Audiences, The Barns at Wolftrap, Seattle Bumpershoot Festival, Beverly Hills, Gateway Arch, Denver Theater Company, DuSable Museum

Universities:

Texas A&M, Ohio State, St. Louis University, M.I.T., Hawaii, Washington University-St. Louis, National-Louis-Chicago, and more!

"...[he] doesn't just tell a story, he walks, talks and breathes a story."

—Springfield
News Leader



Like an Adventure Story Come to Life!