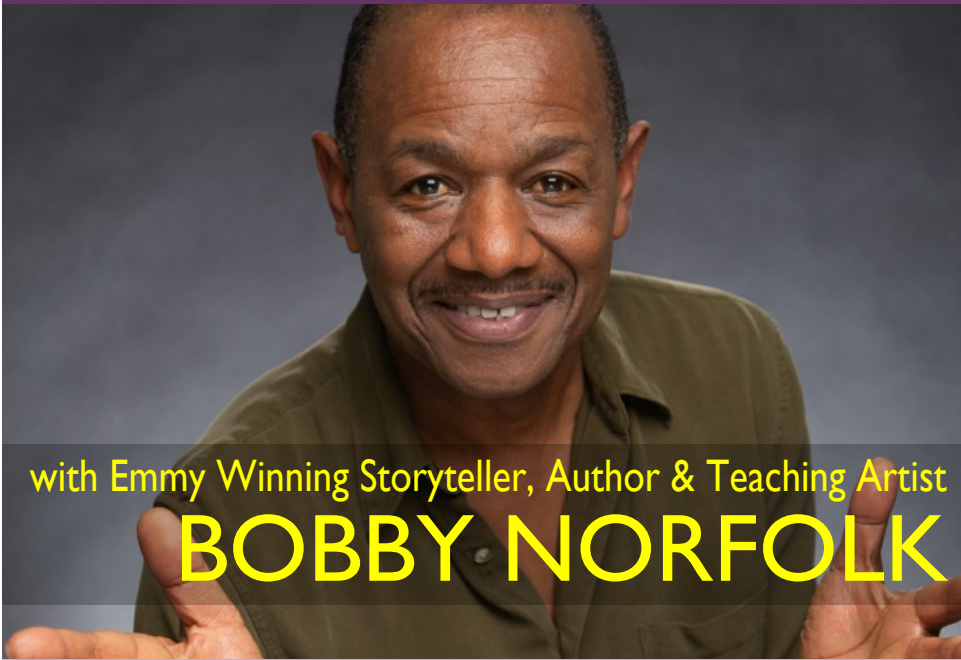


# Compelling Characters!

A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



with Emmy Winning Storyteller, Author & Teaching Artist  
**BOBBY NORFOLK**

**Ideal for in-service training and/or professional development for educators/adults. Enhance your classroom experience through the art of storytelling.**

Bobby, a wizard at conjuring life-like and unforgettable characters, will help you find your own voice through your storytelling.

- ▶ Add new dimensions to your style.
- ▶ Enrich your performances.
- ▶ Make your storytelling appeal to audiences of all ages.

Drawing on his background in theatre and comedy, Bobby shows you how to use voice, gesture, movement and sound effects to enhance your stories.

*Adults, Adaptable for 60 minutes, 3 hours, or 6 hours.*

## Workshop Description:

### **What is Storytelling?**

- ♦ History and cultural importance

### **Choosing a Story**

- ♦ Using storytelling research & resources
- ♦ Finding engaging & inspiring stories
- ♦ Drawing on historical narratives
- ♦ How to identify a good character

### **Creating your own Story**

- ♦ Transforming your research into a tellable tale

### **Bringing the Story/Characters to Life**

- ♦ Character development; visualizing what your characters look, sound and act like
- ♦ Exploring the imagination: helpful hints in the art of listening

- ♦ Story becomes theatre - matching words with actions
- ♦ Blending personal skills through drama, mime and comedy

### **Learning the Story**

- ♦ Steps to learning a story
- ♦ Imagery and visualization

### **Preparing for Performance**

- ♦ Physical and mental warm-ups
- ♦ Stretching
- ♦ Vocal exercises
- ♦ Meditation & relaxation

### **Storytelling 101: Performing**

- ♦ Using the tools of the storyteller: voice, movement, sound effects, space, facial expressions, and gesture
- ♦ Timing & proper delivery
- ♦ Painting vivid images of in the minds of your audience

- ♦ Using a microphone to create sound effects and enhance voice projection
- ♦ Removing the fourth wall: acting vs storytelling

### **Storytelling Demonstration**

- ♦ Bobby models storytelling techniques through performance

### **Questions and Answers**

## Booking Information

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