



STORYTELLING

Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer

Cathy & Marcy have inspired audiences through story and song for over 35 years. Known in the music world for their superb harmonies and instrumental virtuosity on acoustic & electric guitar, five-string banjo, mandolin, cello banjo, ukulele and more, they've earned two GRAMMY® Awards for their children's music and an 11 additional GRAMMY® nominations for their folk and children's music combined. Their shows have always included anecdotal stories, and a love of storytelling inspired them to offer new programs featuring tales both true and imaginary.

Their stories include characters from their travels like Patsy Montana, who thanks to the World's Largest Watermelon, became the first female country singer to sell one million records, and Elizabeth "Libba" Cotten, who at the age of 12 composed the classic folk song, "Freight Train". Other characters come from their families (along with a fair bit of comedy), and then there are a few imaginary friends such as North Carolina's Ruby Calhoun.



Cathy and Patsy Montana



Cathy & Marcy are recognized as top-notch songwriters with multiple honors from the John Lennon Songwriting Contest, USA International Songwriting Contest and Mid-Atlantic Songwriting Contest. The Washington Area Music Association has recognized Cathy & Marcy with over 60 WAMMIE Awards for folk, bluegrass and

children's music. They were featured performers at the Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival sharing the stage with Andy Offutt Irwin, Antonio Rocha and David Holt.

With over 5,000 shows in performing arts centers, schools, folk festivals, community centers, libraries and children's festivals, the duo has the superb skills to deliver a show that is fun, wacky, energetic and participatory. The duo's versatility has garnered them roles as community connectors and engaging keynote presenters for organizations like the National Association of Educators for Young Children (NAEYC), American Music Therapy Association (AMTA) and The Music Center at Strathmore.

Cathy & Marcy have appeared on the "Weekend Today Show", "CBS Early Show", National Public Radio's "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered". The duo has toured worldwide from Japan to New Zealand, Vancouver to New York and everywhere in between. American Voices Abroad chose Cathy & Marcy to perform in China, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu for the U.S. Department of State.

"A Cathy and Marcy storytelling show always includes a lot of heart, sharp wit, a huge variety of smiles, a goodly dose of old fashioned show-personship, an edge-of-your-seat narrative, and music – some of the most amazing music on any storytelling stage...They are in touch with the grown-up's inner child, and they are in touch with the wisdom of the young."

– **Andy Offutt Irwin**

"Amazing harmonies, vivid stories, and expert musicianship come together when Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer take the stage. Connecting with all ages, they know how to take us on a wild ride of adventure and fun, enlightening and entertaining us along the way. You may just leave the show strumming an invisible banjo and delighting friends and family with animated retellings of a favorite story just heard."

– **Connie Regan-Blake**

VIDEO SAMPLES

View excerpts and full-length stories on YouTube:

[Cathy & Marcy's Storytelling Playlist](#)



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