

# The ★★ Storytelling Caravan

Twisted yarns and tall tales! Old and new fuse as this 'Moragolithician' storyteller spins you from legend to leaping heart, through the keyhole of your front door into strange lands and day-glow dreams, riding the hiccups of laughter like bronco bulls! An odyssey of imagination, she brings her own wide travels like twigs to the fire, igniting her stories with tales from far parts of the globe.



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From moon fairies to coconut crabs, travelling train stations to the Okefenokee swamp, tales of voodoo magic and teapot trolls will take you flying on the ultimate magic carpet ride-looking glass and time machine in one!

## The Storyteller ★★

Melissa Baker, director of the MoVe trans-theatre is a trained actor and director with a master of fine arts from the University of California. She has worked in theatre and circus internationally. She developed The Storytelling Caravan, with the support of the Cork City Council, to share this ancient art that is the seed of all creativity, with others. She believes that storytelling should be like the keys to the city, and given to all. A professional performer in more than one medium, she entralls audiences with her quirkiness and surprising humor. Her stories are of a rare inventiveness.



## Practical Information ★★

The Caravan is pulled by a passenger car. It can set up anywhere that is accessible by wheeled vehicles on fairly level ground. For performances the caravan detaches from the car, which is driven away, leaving the caravan to stand alone during the event, which preserves the 'old fashioned' quality of its appearance.

### Dimensions ★★

Height from ground:	2.45	m
Height inside floor to ceiling:	1.9	m
Width:	2.0	m
Length alone:	4.85	m

### Inside ★★

There are bench type seats along the walls and sheepskin on the floor. The inside canopy look is natural, cotton prints and hazel sticks that fit in well with traditional and eco-themed events. At the back is a raised stage with curtains where the storyteller sits.

### Capacity ★★

The Caravan can seat up to 25 small children (ages 5-8) and roughly 17 large children ages (9-13). Stories generally last 20 minutes each but can be shorter for younger children. Most audience members stay for more than one story (depending if crowds allow and others are not waiting).



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