



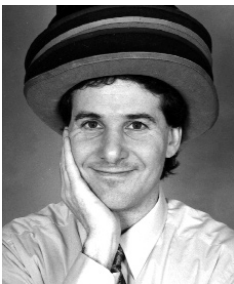
John Porcino

A former classroom teacher and park naturalist, since 1983 John has utilized the arts of storytelling and music to celebrate our common humanity and empower people of all ages to take on life's challenges with gusto. He is on the Massa-

"Great! Energetic, organized, hands/minds-on!"

— TEACHER'S WORKSHOP EVALUATION

chusetts Cultural Council, Massachusetts Touring, and New England Foundation for the Arts rosters. Along with 200+ annual performances and workshops, he directs Farm and Wilderness Family Camp and contributes regularly to *FamilyFun* magazine and various storytelling publications. His recordings include *A Heck of a Way to Stay Warm*. His books include *Spinning Tales Weaving Hope*. Most importantly, John is the loving dad of two bright spirited children.



Rob Peck

Rob Peck is a literary juggler who feeds the eye, ear, and soul. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, Rob is past chairman of the Franklin Foundation for Educational Excellence and was a featured guest on Donahue. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, artistic director of Foolsproof Productions,

"Bravo! Hands down the funniest and most insightful training on multiple intelligences I've ever taken."

— SPECIAL ED. TEACHER EVALUATION

recipient of the 1999 Excellence In Education award from the International Juggler's Association and the unconditionally devoted dad of a 6- going-on-16-year-old daughter. Essentially, Rob is a dedicated imperfectionist exhorting students and teachers to lighten up and not be so afraid of failing that they shortcircuit their own creativity... and character.

ZESTWORKS
HIGH-ENERGY TEACHER TRAININGS

The Four L's: Listening, Laughing & Learning from Life Stories

"Take a gifted juggler with a brilliant mind and match him with a renowned storyteller with a heart of gold, and you have Peck and Porcino, a team with a genius for staff development. Their workshops are a consummate blend of creativity, compassion, and humor."

— SIDNEY B. SIMON, PROFESSOR EMERITUS, PSYCHOLOGICAL EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AUTHOR OF VALUES CLARIFICATION, IALAC, AND 12 OTHER TITLES

WHEN TEACHERS enliven their lessons with autobiographical anecdotes they engage the best of their student's minds and hearts. From lighthearted icebreakers to candid group brainstorming, participants explore strategies for eliciting and clarifying key insights into our common humanity. Teachers will leave with a grab-bag of potential tales, one finished story and a clear model of simple steps to sharpen their student's listening skills and develop their distinct writing and speaking voices.

Forge Deeper Teacher Student Connections

- Develop a community of reflective learners
- Facilitate more open, honest classroom communication
 - Use humor to make light of our human foibles
 - Touch common chords of hope
 - Inspire courage

Reinforce Core Language Skills and Learning Standards

- Strengthen the basic elements of narrative structure
- Encode important information in a memorable context
 - Link spoken language to reading and writing
 - Spark interdisciplinary learning
 - Build vocabulary and creative expression

Enhance Higher Order Thinking Skills

- Expand comprehension through analogies and metaphors
- Use stories to build bridges of understanding and empathy
 - Explore different perspectives
 - Search for universal themes
 - Identify our own hero's journey

FOR REFERENCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS AND OTHER TRAININGS PLEASE CONTACT ZESTWORKS AT 1-800-597-5032

John Porcino • 120 Pulpit Hill Road #10 • Amherst, Massachusetts 01002
413-549-5448 • john.porcino@cohousing.com • www.filbert.com/johnporcino

Rob Peck • P.O. Box 187 • Northfield, Massachusetts 01360
413-498-4452 • zestfest@juno.com