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Travel the World with Storyteller Dianne de Las Casas!

It's a passport into fun as you journey to the Imagine Nation with Storyteller Dianne de Las Casas. Through storytelling, song, and lots of audience participation de Las Casas will transport you to a world of adventure. de Las Casas will be performing at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. Call XXX-XXXX for more details.

A dramatic storyteller, de Las Casas adapts traditional folklore, adding fun audience participation, song, and of course, humor. She does not stay still! Through the use of character voices, creative movement, and animated facial expressions and gestures, she creates a world of fantasy and enchantment. de Las Casas has a magical connection with her young audiences, engaging them in playful dramatization and active involvement in her programs. It is that special connection with her audiences that she cherishes.

Storytelling came naturally for de Las Casas. At nine years old, she often told spooky stories to her younger brother. But it wasn't until she was "grown-up" that she caught the story fever. Volunteering as a storyteller on Saturdays at her local library, de Las Casas fell in love with the art and honed her skills. With the encouragement of Andrea Taylor, the children's librarian, and the support of her family, de Las Casas began exploring a career as a professional storyteller.

Childhood travels around the world also contributed to shaping her future as a storyteller. de Las Casas lived in the Philippines, Hawaii, Spain and traveled across Europe and the United States. Her varied cultural experiences nourished her imagination, and she continues to draw on that knowledge, adding depth and richness to her tales. Always an avid reader, de Las Casas often spent her time living within the pages of a book. Her favorite books were a series called "My Bookhouse," a treasury of stories from around the world. This love of children's literature was fostered at an early age, a love she carries with her to this day.

Now, de Las Casas travels extensively, performing and presenting as a full-time professional storyteller. She is active in the storytelling community, serving as co-editor for La Storyteller, a statewide storytelling newsletter, co-founder and board member of South East Louisiana Storytelling Guild, co-founder and Vice-President of Louisiana Storytelling Association, and the Louisiana State Liaison to the National Storytelling Network.

She is also active in arts on the local, statewide and national level, serving on numerous committees and boards. She is Co-founder and President of Independent Children's Artist Network, a support organization for professional children's artists in Louisiana. She co-publishes and serves as Editor of Working smARTS, an international email newsletter for professional children's artists. Since 1999, de Las Casas has also served as the Director for Story Ballet Magic, a multi-disciplinary arts-in-education touring theater ensemble that integrates storytelling, ballet on pointe, classical music, literary arts, and theater. For more information about Dianne de Las Casas, you may visit her websites at [www.storyconnection.net](http://www.storyconnection.net), [www.storyballetmagic.com](http://www.storyballetmagic.com), [www.workingsmarts.com](http://www.workingsmarts.com), and [www.icanartists.org](http://www.icanartists.org).

Don't miss out on great fun! Pack light and prepare to take flight with Dianne de Las Casas! Catch Storyteller Dianne de Las Casas at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_. Call XXX-XXXX for more information.