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**Stefanie Azua
SHSU Grad Student
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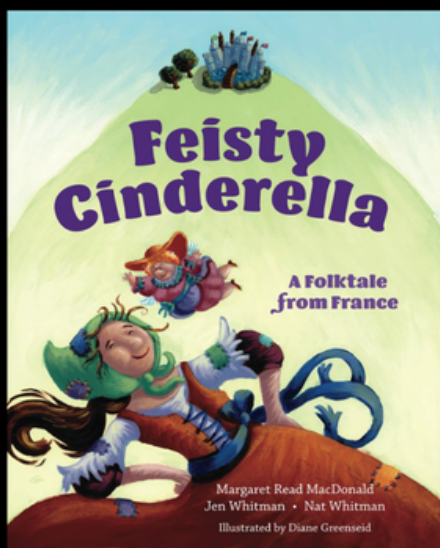
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- SUBMIT A STORY FOR A PERFORMANCE
- ENTER THE FRINGE LOTTERY
- VOLUNTEER ON THE STF PLANNING COMMITTEE
- VOLUNTEER AT THE CONFERENCE
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Have a blast at the conference!



Ingrid Nixon, Storyteller

Festival Teller ~ Workshop Leader ~ Story Coach ~ Writer
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Champion Liar, but all of the above is true & there's more!
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Find me & learn more at IngridNixon.com



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A photograph of Jim May, a man with a long white beard and a blue beanie, wearing a blue denim shirt and jeans, with a backpack. He is standing against a red background.

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CLOSING CIRCLE

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Words created by

Charlotte Blake Alston, Roslyn Bresnick-Perry, Diane Ferlatte, Bill Harley, and Robert Kikuchi Yngojo (2007)

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Will the Circle be Unbroken?

Chorus (2x)

Will the circle be unbroken -
By and by Lord, by and by?
All the stories need our voices
It's through us, they stay alive.

Verse 1

I was wondering, who would join us
In this circle with no end.
May the circle ever widen
So that others may come in.

Chorus (1x)

Verse 2

Every culture has a story
Every person has one too.
And you've got to tell your story,
And you've got to listen too.

Chorus (1x)

Verse 3

We are walking on the pathway
Blazed by those who've gone before.
We are all part of the story
Headed for tomorrow's shore.

Instrumental music plays.
As all gathered speak the names of
those passed on.

Verse 4 (Solo)

Some no longer walk among us
Their memories never wane
Let us bring them into our circle
By calling out their names

Verse 5 (Solo or Song Leader)

Feel them gently tap our shoulders
In our hearts, can you hear them say
"Keep on walking - altogether
In that kindred spirit way."

Final Chorus (2x with energy)

It's through us, they stay alive (2x)



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