



Arianna Ross

story tapestries

Weaving a lively fabric of tales



## Long Biography for Arianna Ross

Arianna blends the power of acrobatics, storytelling, photography and music to engage her audience and/or students in programs that entertain and enrich their knowledge of themselves and the world. She worked for three years with Bansi Kaul's troupe, Rang Vidushak in Bhopal, India. There she assisted the troupe in developing sustainable arts education for children living in poverty and took part in theatre programs that provide psychological relief to communities in crisis. Based on her work as a storyteller and teacher for organizations in India, Brazil, Indonesia and Vietnam, Arianna founded Story Tapestries. Since returning, she has performed and taught workshops across the United States, Canada and Brazil in schools, community centers, and hospitals. Arianna spent three years at Children's Hospital in Washington DC working to strengthen their New Horizons Arts, Healing and Cultural Enrichment Program. She has also developed and executed a student-centered artist-in-residency program that has been accepted by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC, for presentation in Kennedy Center's partnership initiative for schools. She has received several prestigious grants for exemplary work as an artist and a teacher from the Humanities Council of Washington DC and the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council. Recently, she was one of the featured storytellers at Washington Folk Life Festival, the International Children's Festival sponsored by Fairfax County Arts Council and at the Vancouver, BC International Storytelling Festival.

As a storyteller, dancer, visual artist, teacher, ethnographer and community empowerment consultant, Arianna strives to tell multi-lingual stories that can encourage other people to tell their stories, bridge the gap between communities and to remind us that:

It is through the laughter and tears of our tales that the lessons of life are imparted.

storyteller

artist-educator

dancer