

Short bio on Ken Bishop

Ken Bishop has performed at various venues throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico, including the Edmonton Folk Festival, Man and His World in Montreal, Canadian National Exhibition, Children's Festival, Gospel Jamboree and the Pacific National Exhibition. He was the owner of a puppet company called the Kenuppets and performed four days a week for five consecutive years (850 shows) from his castle at West Edmonton Mall.

Ken also starred on Storytime for 5 years, a Saturday morning kids program which was the first Edmonton show to be aired across Canada on the CTV network. He has had the pleasure of working with many celebrities and singers along the way. All of his puppets are original and at one time he owned over 350 characters. Ken has written hundreds of scripts for television as well as a variety of music videos. He has taught puppetry, character development, voice and script writing to both adults and students in classrooms and auditorium settings.

He has performed in countless schools, jamborees, festivals and community functions with his creative and spontaneous puppetry. Believing that "laughter is the best medicine", his puppets never fail to bring a smile to every face.

The performances are in the style of a variety show with lively contemporary songs and fast action skits and dialogue by one or more puppet character hosts. This works well, especially during a festival where the audience is moving about or coming midway through a presentation. In this way people will not miss a 'storyline' and can enjoy the performance at any point.

These shows are designed to fit the venue with the intended audience or theme in mind. There are a multitude of characters like Stevie Wonder, Sting, the Stray Cats, Cowboy Troy, Elvis, and many others. Besides puppetry, Ken also enjoys motivational speaking to youth and adults and presenting messages of hope and encouragement which will not be forgotten.

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