

Instruments help to tell stories ...



Guitar

Timmy plays guitar on many of the songs which he has written, and with some of the old folk songs, too. He started playing the guitar when he was in the 5th grade.



Banjo

You will hear Timmy play the old "clawhammer" style of banjo. African banjo players brought this instrument to America 200 years ago.



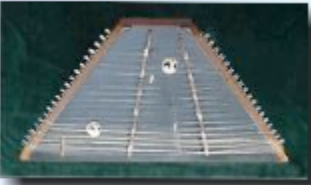
English Concertina

In the same family as the accordion, it's a little squeezebox which uses air and thin metal "reeds" to make a beautiful musical sound. By the way, there are no batteries necessary.



Bowed Psaltery

It's played with a bow made from horse hair (like violin bows), but this one is much easier to play than a violin.



Hammered Dulcimer

This is the instrument which Timmy plays to help tell the story of "The Gardener", a story with no words. He also uses a wood block, cymbal, drum and triangle for extra effect.



Lap Dulcimer

Sometimes known as the Appalachian dulcimer because it has been a favorite instrument for the mountain people over the last 200 years.

... with their own special voices.



Penny Whistle

A simple woodwind instrument with six finger holes, easy to learn how to play. Timmy will ask you to listen to this one with your eyes closed.

P.S. Timmy doesn't actually play the BANANA!



Raggedy Man

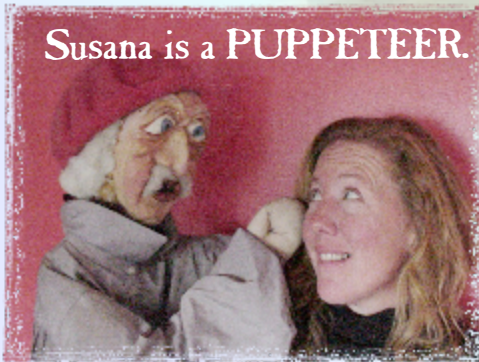
Not just a puppet, this percussion instrument keeps a steady beat as the little man dances the old-fashioned "buck dance" on his paddle.

In the story of "The Gardener", the music gives clues about each character...

Music is often used to make a story more dramatic.

When you hear music along with a story, think about how it changes the way you feel. Next time you watch a movie, listen for how the music matches the mood of the story.

Susana is a PUPPETEER.



Here is Susana with one of her favorite puppets. She makes her own puppets out of paper mache', cloth, yarn, cotton, foam and anything else she can find. What kinds of puppets have you made?

Stories are told in many different languages



"Quick" is a hand puppet, a sloth from South America. He is extremely shy and he only speaks Spanish.

Does anyone in your class speak Spanish? "Quick" might need a translator in the performance!

