

Fairy Tales with a Twist

Alex's Virtual Folk Arts Series – May 2021

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In 2021 the Alex Wilson Legacy Fund expanded its offerings to give people more chances to participate in folk music and dance and storytelling during the COVID pandemic. One of these programs, called Alex's Virtual Folk Arts Series, broadcasted five performances by local folk artists throughout the year. The goal of Alex's Series was to create opportunities for local artists to perform in a safe environment and have their programs livestreamed out to fans who were isolated by the pandemic. We wanted to showcase Colorado folk talent to the rest of the country and the world, while giving people a chance to experience these cultural events from the comfort of their homes and other remote locations.

On May 18, "Fairy Tales with a Twist" delighted virtual audiences with their versions of new and old traditional fairy and folk tales. This show was a creative collaboration between local storytellers from [Stories with Spirit](#) of Longmont (Cooper Braun, Rachel Ann Harding) and [Storysmith®](#) of Boulder (Susan Marie Frontczak.) These three well-known storytellers each brought their own unique styles and embellishments to create nearly three hours of colorful, inspiring tales: funny, poignant, dark and touching.



Including the large followings of the individual storytellers, nearly 350 viewers tuned in for this enchanting evening, and another 90-plus people watched later following the broadcast.