

### *Elenitsa Georgiou - English*

Elenitsa Georgiou holds a *BMusic*, a Masters degree *in MEd in Music and the Creative Arts in Education*, and a diploma as a *Storyteller*.

She has attended numerous workshops and participated in Festivals and intensive courses in the fields of Music Pedagogy, Music Education, Storytelling and Story-writing, physical theatre, vocal techniques (traditional, classical), instrument handcrafting and world music in Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Bulgaria, Germany, England, Poland and Malta.

She is an early childhood music teacher and the founder of 'The Majestic Music Tree', which offers music pedagogical concerts and interactive workshops/storytelling performances to children and adults. During the last 7 years she collaborates with the Ministry of Education and Culture and other major entities in order to provide educational projects for pre primary, primary and elementary school children. In addition, she is a program designer and animator at Ethnological, Folk Art, Byzantine, Center for Visual Arts & Research, Storytelling and Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation museums in Cyprus. In addition, she has participated in numerous Storytelling and Literature Festivals in Cyprus, Greece and Italy.

Her main research interests are related to exploring how children learn and teach each other and how their practices can be used by adults in the classroom as well as collecting material about singing games, variation of folk tales and myths from around the world. In the latest years (2016-2019) she has created an enormous project based on the Cinderella variations from around the world, which is provided to children in the form of performances as well as interactive workshops based both on the arts and the cultural heritage of each tale origin area.

Elenitsa Georgiou has collaborated with other Arts in Education artists in order to provide meaningful workshops for refugees and immigrant children who live in the asylum center in Cyprus. Along with her artistic career, she is an Erasmus+ participant and a Youth Ambassador of the non-profit Organization 'Social Policy and Action', which works towards the enhancement of quality of life of citizens and human welfare, primarily those with fewer opportunities.