

## Collated responses to 'Of Stories Told'

### Email response to Of Stories Told – Camphouse

From: "Mark Camphouse" <mcamphou@gmu.edu>  
To: <ralphwho@smartchat.net.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2008 3:44 AM  
Subject: Of Stories Told

Hi Ralph,

I don't think I have ever had the pleasure of meeting you, but I certainly am a fan of your fine music. I just received my copy of the new 2008 Kjos Concert Band recordings. I am really impressed with your new work, "Of Stories Told." Wonderfully fresh sounds! Great piece. 'Wish I'd written it!) I look forward to our paths crossing ... perhaps in Chicago during Midwest. Again, bravo on your fine new work!

Cordially,

Mark

Mark D. Camphouse  
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Conductor, Wind Symphony  
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### Email response to "Of Stories Told" – Colin Brien

**From:** [Colin Brien](#)  
**To:** [Ralph Hultgren](#)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2008 11:56 PM  
**Subject:** Howdy!

Hi Mr. Hultgren,

I managed to get a high school teaching position back in Idaho (century high school). I am really excited to begin. The program is small, but I think that I can build it up a little more. I was listening to the new Kjos music works and heard you piece "Of Stories Told." It was wonderful! I love how you really experimented with new sounds with the band (strings and recorder). Our group is not advanced enough to pull it off, but I hope that one day I we will be able to play it. I hope you are well. Please say hello to your family. God Bless!

Colin

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### Email from Julie

Of Stories Told

Ralph Hultgren that is just an incredible piece of music. You are unbelievably talented.  
Thanks be to God!!!

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Email from Mark Kjos, President of the Neil A Kjos Music Company in San Diego, CA USA

**MKjos@kjos.com**  
21/11/2007 09:01 AM

Dear Ralph,

Apologies for the long delay in getting back to you. We've got a lot of irons in the fire, and it's tough to keep everything moving forward.

Congratulations on "Of Stories Told" - it's a great piece. I think we would like to do it, and would try to get it out with our summer '08 (July) package. Will that be early enough? I'll have Ryan draw up the paperwork.

I love the violin, recorder, and voices, but it might be more marketable if these parts could be covered by traditional band instruments in case they are missing. Your thoughts?

Do you have or will you have a recording we can use for promotion?

Thanks also for sending "All Loves Excelling." Another great piece, but with all we've got going I feel it's better if we don't overextend ourselves - trust you understand. Should we return the manuscript?

Love to Julie and the kids, and looking forward to seeing you soon. Unless something happens at home (always a possibility) Kelly will be in Chicago Thursday evening - Saturday.

Cheers,  
Mark

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Email from Mike Tyler re 'Of Stories Told'

From: "TYLER, Mike" <Mike.TYLER@deta.qld.gov.au>  
To: "Ralph Hultgren" <ralphwho@smartchat.net.au>  
Cc: "Hodgkinson Ken (E-mail)" <khodg37@eq.edu.au>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2008 8:39 AM  
Subject: RE: Of Stories Told

Fantastic Ralph. I am certainly aware of Mark Camphouse.  
The "history" of this work will be with me forever.  
Congratulations and regards  
Mike

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Email as below

**Kenneth Hodgkinson <khodg37@eq.edu.au>**

21/06/2007 06:30 PM

Hi Ralph

Thank you for the score & audio of "Of STORIES TOLD". It sounds fantastic. I can't wait to hear it played in Maryborough It will be a big hit with the teachers as well. I'm sure they will want to perform it with their bands in the future. Although they will need a good band to do it justice.

We have selected a balanced 56 piece band for the Symphonic Wind Band this year so Rob should be working with the better players.

Once again thank you Ralph for such a great piece of music.

Talk to you soon.

Regards

Ken

P.S Maryborough will break another participation record. We currently have 460 registered teachers, 77 people manning trade displays and a staff of 40. This is a growth of about 100 teachers on the last conference.

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#### Email response Pearson re **Of Stories Told**

Dear Ralph,

It certainly was wonderful being with you and your family prior to and during the conference. Dee and I want to thank you for your wonderful hospitality. Those were very special times when the four of us prayed together. We thank you for standing so firmly with us during those three very scary days when Graham was a sick little boy. I will remember forever when you said, "the boy will not die." We continue to praise and thank our Lord for His mercy. One of greatest and most-cherished blessings is your family's love and friendship. Thank you!

I have forwarded Chuck's message. Obviously, he is very interested in your piece. I was so proud of you as the conference expressed their enthusiasm and gratitude for composing it. It is a wonderful piece and I just loved how you expressed the joy and celebration of the "new" Ralph. Yes, your music is certainly biographical.

Well, it's off to Rocky today. I am sure it will be a good time with the folks here.

Please be mindful that Dee and I will hold up and commit you and your family to prayer. We cherish your prayers for our family, too.

With love,

Bruce

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