



Australian Fairy Tale Society

2015 Conference

Call for Papers

Conference theme: 'Transformations: spinning straw into green and gold'

Transformation is a key element within the enchanted realm of fairy tale, both within the stories themselves and the history of the genre. The possibilities of change are explored in tales where frogs become princes, boys become swans, and many a poor girl is revealed as a true princess following a trial of courage and endurance. Over time and across cultures universal ideas have wrapped themselves in an array of motifs, shifting to suit their audience, setting, and times while retaining the same underlying truth. How have Red, Cindy and Snow adapted to the Australian climate? Are there fairy tales born of our cultural landscape? What changes and what remains the same in a transformation?

Proposals are invited for presentations on the following fairy tale topics:

- * cross cultural transformations
- * cross generational transformations
- * cultural appropriation
- * European tales from an Australian perspective
- * oral to written and back again
- * folkloric to academic
- * magical transformations - human / non-human
- * therapeutic - personal transformation through story
- * adaption across forms - storytelling, music, dance, film, visual arts, etc
- * personal to public and back again
- * maturation / coming of age
- * changing status
- * objects of transformation
- * myth to fairy tale
- * adapting for audience (age, gender, class, sexual orientation, dis/ability), place, and time
- * curses to blessings

Performers are invited to present short works or a taster to showcase longer works.

Artists are invited to exhibit and discuss their work.

Along with academic papers, performance, and exhibitions, we are also seeking panelists.

Presentations will run between 15-30 minutes.

The conference will be recorded, with the permission of presenters, and uploaded to the AFTS website.

Please send 100-200 word abstract submissions to:

austfairytale@gmail.com

Submissions close 5pm Friday 31st January, and presenters will be announced in March 2015.

Conference tickets will be discounted to \$50 for successful applicants.

The *Australian Fairy Tale Society* Conference

Sunday 21st June, 2015 - Winter Solstice.

Judith Wright Room, NSW Writers' Centre -
Garry Owen House, Callan Park, Balmain Road, Rozelle (enter from the Balmain Road gate opposite Cecily Street and follow the green signs to the Writers' Centre).