

# Telling Grimm Tales

## Can Stories of Abuse Build Healthy Societies?

A Cumberland Lodge residential conference

24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

The Brothers Grimm regarded their tales, many of which are violent and disturbing, as character building. Others see them as dangerous and harmful; it was even argued that they fuelled Nazism.

This two day multi-disciplinary conference brings together a wealth of expertise to consider the ethics of storytelling, and in particular whether the reworking of traditional tales by the Brothers Grimm and others can be a force for good. The conference will explore issues including psychology and child abuse, and the impact of storytelling through literature, cinema, theatre, and music.



Big, Bad Wolf  
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## MONDAY 24 MARCH

- 09.30 Arrival, registration, coffee
- 10.10 Welcome by the **Revd Dr Edmund Newell**, Principal, Cumberland Lodge
- 10.20 **Tales and their Meaning: Understanding the Genre**  
**Maria Tatar**, John L. Loeb Professor of Folklore and Mythology, Harvard University
- 11.40 Coffee Break
- 12.00 **Tales of Faith: Religion and the Brothers Grimm**  
**Edmund Newell**  
**Jeany Spark**, actress (subject to availability)
- 13.15 Lunch
- 14.15 **Tales on the Screen: From Grimm to Disney and Beyond**  
**Karen Lury**, Professor of Film and Television Studies, School of Culture and Creative Art, University of Glasgow
- 15.45 Tea Break
- 16.15 **Tales of Abuse and Healing: Fairy Tales and Psychotherapy**  
**Judith Trowell**, Child and Adolescent psychiatrist
- 18.00 Reception in the Drawing Room
- 18.30 Dinner
- 20.00 **Songs from Grimm**  
**Nick Bicât**, composer and songwriter  
**Philip Ridley**, multi-media artist
- 21.30 Bar open

## TUESDAY 25 MARCH

- 08.15 Breakfast
- 09.00 **The Contemporary Storyteller**  
**Philip Ridley** in conversation
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 **Telling Tales on Stage**  
**Tim Supple**, theatre director
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 **"Mirror, Mirror ..."** conference reflections  
**Salley Vickers**, author
- 15.30 Tea and depart

### REGISTRATION

Standard Rate £150

Shared Room £100 per person

Student Rate (shared accommodation) £65

*Prices include food and accommodation*

Non-Residential £45 *Price includes food*

Register online and more information  
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