

# Perseus

## A Greek Hero and His Myth Adventures

*Adapted and Performed by Storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann*



### ABOUT THE STORY

Perseus is one of the favorite, most exciting myths of all time. Perseus gets tricked into agreeing to fetch the head of Medusa, one of the three Gorgons. So that the Gorgons won't turn him to stone if he looks at them, Hermes shows up to help Perseus in his quest. Along the way Perseus meets the magical winged horse, Pegasus, and when he meets the woman of his dreams, he must save her by defeating the sea monster, Cetus.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- In this interactive theater performance the entire audience becomes the Greek chorus as they participate in refrains during Lynn's telling.
- Many audience members join Lynn onstage throughout the program, using her whimsical masks and props, to act the parts of the Gorgons, the Grey Women, the Furies, the Sea Monster and other characters.
- Once audiences know characters and events from this story, they will recognize them showing up in world literature: the Gorgons with their snake hair and gaze that turns their viewer to stone, the origin of the word furious, the stories behind the constellations Andromeda, Perseus, Pegasus, Cetus and more.
- The show excites audience members about reading more myths.

*"The students loved the masks and being on stage. Making the entire audience the chorus kept them engaged and feeling a part of the story." --Pocahontas Elementary, Powhatan, VA*

Lynn Ruehlmann tells stories through theatrical portrayals of real people in history and real people she's known and bigger than life characters of myths. She has been presenting programs at festivals, museums and schools for since 1990. Lynn was named "Best Actress in a Comedy" by Folio, and "Artist of the Year" by Young Audiences of Virginia. Her CD "Spy! The Story of Civil War Spy Elizabeth Van Lew" won two national awards. For more information on Lynn's programs, visit her website: [www.cascadingstories.com](http://www.cascadingstories.com).

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