

~ Susan Bertoia ~

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Susan is a Vancouver based professional theatre artist, actor and teacher. She also serves as an adjudicator at drama and speech arts festivals in BC and as an artist-in-residence through ArtStarts in Schools. She holds a BFA in Theatre from UBC and has advanced theatre studies (commedia dell'arte and physical theatre) from international institutions. Her devised theatre performances are extensively movement based, abstract and at times narrative. As an actor she has worked with Arts Club Theatre (Vancouver), Western Canada Theatre (Kamloops), Richmond Gateway Theatre and many other well-established theatre companies. Susan is the recipient of the Vancouver Jessie Richardson's Award for Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role Award and several-time nominee for other roles and has received The Gordon Armstrong Theatre Artist Award. She is also Artistic Director of Vancouver's only Italian-Canadian theatre company BellaLuna Productions.