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**Garrison 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Share *Stories and Sorcery***

**Garrison, NY, January 20, 2012** – On January 13, the Garrison School’s sixth grade treated family and friends to a special performance of *Stories and Sorcery*, a play written and directed by Garrison’s own Language Arts teacher, Ian Berger. The play is a collection of four traditional folk tales adapted into one story for this production. Mr. Berger wrote *Stories and Sorcery* especially for this group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

“I wanted to write a play that celebrates traditional fairy tales,” said Mr. Berger. “True fairy tales are very different than Disney tales. They are dangerous stories that don’t always have happy endings. It is closer to real life,” he explained.

The stories Mr. Berger selected for his play are “The Seven Ravens” from the Brothers Grimm, Italian folktale “The Salamanna Grapes,” the Irish legend of “Conn and Connla” and an adventure straight from King Arthur’s Round Table, “Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.”

*Stories and Sorcery* begins at King Arthur’s court where King Arthur is depressed because one of his knights, Sir Gawain, has been missing for a long time. Each of the delegations attempt to cheer Arthur up with tales from their lands. Luckily, Sir Gawain shows up after the third story has been told and shares his own adventures with the court.

“I was very pleased with all of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students’ performances. *Stories and Sorcery* has 21 separate scenes but they did an excellent job with the highly complicated production,” Mr. Berger stated.

Mr. Berger expressed thanks to the several community volunteers who helped make the play a huge success including Katie Feder, *Stories and Sorcery*’s Assistant Director and resident theatre expert, and Julie Heckert and MJ Martin who were instrumental with the costuming for the play. He also thanked Principal Stephanie Impellittere, and Superintendent Gloria Colucci, for their ongoing support of the theatre program at the Garrison School.

