



Nils Ling – Member-at-Large

Nils Ling is an author, playwright, actor, filmmaker, and a nationally syndicated television, radio, and newspaper columnist who lives in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. In 1991 Nils Ling moved to Prince Edward Island and a job as host of CBC's "Mainstreet". He also contributed to such national programs as "Basic Black", "Sunday Morning", "Definitely Not The Opera", and "Madly Off In All Directions".

In 1996 Nils left the CBC to write a stage musical, "Maritime Star", with acclaimed Island songwriter Allan Rankin. The musical became an instant hit at the brand-new Harbour Front Jubilee Theatre in Summerside - which led to a renewal of the play to run in repertory with his new one-man show, "The Truth About Daughters". Summer 1998 saw both plays have very successful seasons.

In 1999, Nils began touring with "The Truth About Daughters", and in the years since it has become one of Canada's most successful one-man theatre shows ever, with over 1,500 performances worldwide including extended runs in Orlando, Florida, Toronto, and five successful tours in the UK. His second one-man show, "The Truth About Love and/or Marriage" premiered to a full house at the 800-seat Imperial Theatre in St. John, New Brunswick. The new show was an immediate hit and went on to be produced on the same stages around the world as "The Truth About Daughters".

"The Truth About Christmas" followed, and has been much in demand in theatres across the country and in 2005, Nils released his second book, entitled "Truths and Half Truths", a collection of his most popular syndicated columns and some of his one-man shows. "Truths and Half Truths" is now in its second printing. His syndicated humour column is enjoyed by readers from coast to coast and he has developed workshops for both young people (storytelling) and theatre professionals (marketing live theatre). And in another creative departure, this past winter he produced and performed an evening of his own original songs, including duets with some of the Island's best-known performers.

Nils continues to live and work on Prince Edward Island. He is the Executive Director of the Learning Disabilities Association. He has written, produced and directed two short films which were presented at the Island Media Arts Festival in 2011 and 2012, and is currently working on a web series idea with a creative team that includes his longtime creative partner, Catherine Ann Dickson. He is also currently researching and writing a self-help book about grief and the loss of an infant, entitled *"The Stolen Child"*.