

Venue details

Gladstone's Land

477B Lawnmarket, EH1 2NT
Bookings: 0131 226 5856
www.nts.org.uk

Gorgie City Farm

51 Gorgie Road, EH11 2LA
Enquiries: 0131 337 4202
www.gorgiecityfarm.org.uk

Mercat Tours Ltd

28 Blair Street, EH1 1QR
Bookings: info@mercattours.com
(0131 225 5445)
www.mercattours.com

National Library of Scotland

George IV Bridge, EH1 1EW
Bookings (free events only):
events@nls.uk (0131 623 3734)
www.nls.uk

National Museum of Scotland

Chambers Street, EH1 1JF
Enquiries: 0300 123 6789
www.nms.ac.uk

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Entrances via Arboretum Place, EH3 5NZ & Inverleith Row, EH3 5LP
Enquiries: 0131 248 2909
www.rbge.org.uk

Scottish National Gallery

The Mound, EH2 2EL
Bookings: 0131 624 6560
www.nationalgalleries.org

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

75 Belford Road, EH4 3DR (Studio - Modern One)
Bookings: 0131 624 6560
www.nationalgalleries.org

Scottish National Portrait Gallery

1 Queen Street, EH2 1JD
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Scottish International
Storytelling Festival 2013



Once Upon a Journey



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The Scottish Storytelling Centre is the national body for the support and development of the storytelling artform, and presents the annual Scottish International Storytelling Festival as part of this work. The organisation is a partnership between the Scottish Storytelling Forum SCO 20891 and the Church of Scotland SCO 11253, and is supported by Creative Scotland, the City of Edinburgh Council and a wide range of charitable donations.

18 October - 27 October
Box office: 0131 556 9579

www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk

Welcome to the world's finest feast of traditional storytelling.

Travelling gives rise to stories and stories inspire journeys. That is true for cultures, countries and our own wandering hearts.

This year's Festival celebrates that connection through the eyes of nomads, explorers, travellers, saints, shamans and liars.

The Festival is about journeys that link Scotland to the rest of the world, Scotland's own journeys, and the universal human instinct to travel. The programme traverses continents, nations, regions and islands, but also explores Edinburgh as a unique city of stories.

Once Upon a Journey is also about gathering round the open hearth while the night is still young to share travellers' tales and songs, before the journey calls us on to another day, a different road.

Enjoy the ride!

The Festival Team

Supported through Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund, Creative Scotland, City of Edinburgh Council, Festivals Edinburgh, Culture Programme of the European Union, Royal Norwegian Honorary Consulate General, Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council, and Edmonton Arts Council.



Special thanks to our national and regional partners: Clackmannanshire Council, Elphinstone Institute, National Trust for Scotland, Mercat Tours, National Library of Scotland, National Museum of Scotland, National Galleries of Scotland, Scottish Youth Theatre, Gorgie City Farm,

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Dale Jarvis



Ruth Kirkpatrick



Luis Correia Carmelo

About the programme

We've categorised our events to ensure your storytelling experience is exactly what you're looking for, be it an evening gathering in jovial company or daytime events for the whole family.

2013 Special Series

Open Hearth

Live evening performances in the Scottish Storytelling Centre featuring international guests alongside the best of Scotland's storytellers. Experience a true, relaxed ceilidh of traditional arts merging for a rich evening of culture.

Storytellers' Journeys

An exciting series of events commissioned especially for the Festival. Scottish storytellers explore Scotland's influential explorers and share their tales with fascinating insights and details. Hear the adventures of Martin Martin, John Rae, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor, and many more!

Inner Journeys

From ancient shamanic rituals to modern counselling therapy, people have travelled inner routes on their journeys to healing. Join psychotherapists and storytellers as they explore the intersections of story and well-being through discussion and hands-on exercises. Led by **Alette Willis** and sponsored by the **University of Edinburgh**.

Talks & Lectures

This year's Festival links Scotland with Europe through the travellers who scattered tales along their way. Enjoy insights from experts who share their knowledge and deepen your understanding of the Festival's themes of journey and discovery.

Family Events

Because our passion for stories starts at a young age, we present a programme of engaging live events, often involving craft and storymaking, specifically designed for children and families at our Festival partner venues, to complement the main Festival themes. Each event listing carries information on age suitability to ensure all members of the family can enjoy the festivities.

Club Event

A special storytelling club evening in the nearby Waverley Bar. Experience a true Scottish storytelling ceilidh! A great way to relax, join in and enjoy fine tales plus Guid Crack.



Bob Pegg

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Training & Development

The Festival is the perfect opportunity to develop your storytelling skills, explore a specific area of storytelling or share ideas, approaches and good practice. Come along to one of our Festival training and CPD events and fire up your imagination!

Festival On Tour: Tales on the Move

The Storytelling Festival explodes into Glasgow for one day of events at Scottish Youth Theatre's home in the Old Sheriff Court, as well as a tantalising programme of locally hosted events across Scotland.



Jason Chamakese and Robert Gladue



Kathy Jessup



Martin MacIntyre

How to book

Tickets for all events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre and charged events at the National Library of Scotland can be booked by phone, online or in person through the Scottish Storytelling Centre Box Office. All other partner venues and regional events have their own booking outlets – see listings and the back cover for contact details.

The Festival box office is open from
Friday 6 September, 10am - 6pm.

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www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk

Become a Festival Supporter

£20 (£18)

£15 (Network Members)

Immerse yourself in the 10-day Festival by registering as a Supporter to enjoy an array of fantastic benefits for only £20:

- 20% discount on all SISF events at the Scottish Storytelling Centre
- Exclusive access to SISF welcome and networking events
- 15% discount at the Storytelling Café during the Festival
- A SISF welcome pack

Festival exhibitions

16 October - 2 November

Stories in the Land

Scottish Storytelling Centre
10am-6pm, and before evening events

Free entry | All ages

A bilingual exhibition of story, music, art & craft created by young people from Lochaber & Badenoch. Celebrating the epic journeys of the Scottish drovers, a major focus has been collecting, creating & telling stories while providing opportunities to take part in Travelling Tales – walking journeys with professional storytellers & musicians Essie Stewart, Claire Hewitt, Alasdair Taylor and Alastair Davidson. Led by the **Royal Scottish Geographical Society** with financial support from the **Heritage Lottery Fund** & the **Ernest Cook Trust**.



David Livingstone
Until 3 November

Picturing Africa: Illustrating Livingstone's travels

National Library of Scotland

Monday to Friday:

10am-8pm

Saturday: 10am-5pm

Sunday: 2pm-5pm

Free entry | All ages

David Livingstone's African explorations made him world famous. His own notes, sketches and maps, along with the photographs of John Kirk and the drawings and paintings of Thomas Baines, were the basis for remarkable images of Africa, made popular through best-selling books, illustrated newspapers and magic lantern shows. These illustrations delighted and fascinated their audiences with terrifying and heroic scenes like the lion attack on Livingstone, of natural wonders like the great Victoria Falls, and the horror of the slave trade.

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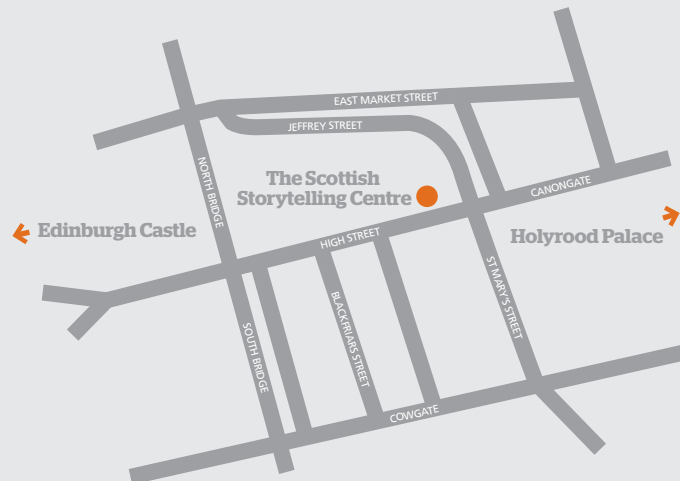
How to get here

Scottish Storytelling Centre | 43-45 High Street | EH1 1SR

The Scottish Storytelling Centre's award-winning building is the hub of the Festival. You can find us half way down Edinburgh's Royal Mile, within easy walking distance of Princes Street and Waverley train station. There is no parking directly outside the Centre, but Lothian bus number 35 stops outside our door, and there's a taxi rank just up the road.



- Fully accessible to wheelchair users
- Hearing loop
- Braille signage throughout
- Licensed Café and Storytelling Book Shop



Sgeulachdan na Dùthcha

Ionad Sgeulachdan na h-Alba

10m-6f, agus ro thachartasan na h-oidhche

An-asgaidh | Gach aois

Taisbeanadh dà-chànanach de sgeulachdan, cheòl, ealan & obair-ciùird a chruthaich daoine òga à Loch Abar & Bàideanach. A' comharrachadh nan slighean cruaidh a ghabh dròbhairean na h-Alba, thugar prìomhachas dha bhith a' tionail, a' cruthachadh agus ag innse sgeulachdan agus aig an aon àm a' toirt chothroman air pàirt a ghabhail ann an 'Sgeulachdan Luchd-siubhail' – tursan coiseachd le sgeulaichean proifeasanta & luchd-ciùil, Essie Stiùbhart, Claire Hewitt, Alasdair Mac an Tàillear & Alastair MacDhaibhidh. Air a stiùireadh le **Comann Rìoghail Tìr-eòlais na h-Alba** le taic airgid bho **Maoin Dualchais a' Chrannchuir & Urras Ernest Cook**.



Opening weekend

Friday 18 October

Halloween Hoedown - Puppetry workshops

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art
Edinburgh Partner | Family Event
2 & 3.30pm (1hr)
Free (ticketed) | 7+
Learn how to make your own puppets, inspired by the tale of *Tam O'Shanter*, with **Alison Monaghan** from the **Yugen Puppet Company**. To reserve, phone 0131 624 6560.

Voyage

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (1hr 15)
£10 (£8) | Adults
This year's Festival sets sail from the Hebrides, with storyteller **Ian Stephen**, singer **Kirsty Law**, musician **Giles Perring** and visuals from **Christine Morrison**. Book early to avoid disappointment on this one-off departure of music to the ear and tales on the waves.

Saturday 19 October

Once Upon a Journey

National Museum of Scotland
Edinburgh Partner | Family Event
11am (5hrs)
Free | 5+
A day of storytelling journeys and performances at the ever popular

National Museum. Join Captain Zeppo's Submarine Adventures with **Macastory**, go on **Magic Carpets** and **Story Safaris**, and explore Scotland's history for all ages with **Andy Cannon's Tales of a Grandson**. Tickets for auditorium shows are on first come first served basis. *Story Safaris* and *Magic Carpets* have limited places & will require sign-up on the day.

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Travelling Tales

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
2pm (2hrs)
£7.50 (£5) | 8+
Join storytellers and musicians **Essie Stewart**, **Claire Hewitt**, **Alasdair Taylor** and **Alastair Davidson** for an afternoon of traditional journey tales and songs. Young people from Badenoch & Lochaber will also share their own stories in Gaelic and English inspired by the epic journeys of the Scottish drovers and other travellers. Led by the **Royal Scottish Geographical Society**.

Enlightenment Edinburgh

Meet at Mercat Cross beside St Giles Cathedral
Edinburgh Partner | Walking Tour
2.30pm (1hr 45)
£11 (£9), £6 child | All ages
Journey through 18th century Edinburgh, the Hotbed of Genius. The population was small; the space they lived in smaller. Yet from this tiny stage Edinburgh's intellectual influence spread across the new world. Exploring the mediaeval Old Town to the Georgian New Town, hear about the lives of the men who fashioned these ideas: David Hume, Adam Smith, Walter Scott, James Hutton and many more. Their ideas were radical; their influence enormous; their lives intriguing. www.mercattours.com

Storytellers' Journeys: Martin Martin

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
Drawing inspiration from Martin Martin's famous journey to the Western Isles, writer and storyteller **Martin MacIntyre** takes us on a personal creative journey to the lore, language and literature of the Hebrides.

Storytellers' Journeys: John Rae

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (50mins)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
Bob Pegg evokes the remarkable and often controversial career of the Orkneyman who found the Northwest Passage and solved the mystery of the Franklin expedition. A scintillating saga of stubborn endurance and skill.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (1hr 30)
£10 (£8) | Adults
Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **Ian Stephen** with **Kathy Jessup**, **Bob Pegg**, **Jason Chamakese** and **Robert Gladue**.

Sunday 20 October

Bewitched!

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art
Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling
11.30am (1hr)
Free | 7+
Join storyteller, or Seannachie, **Jess Smith** and hear magical tales of witches and the supernatural from the Scottish Traveller culture.

Natural Journeys

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Edinburgh Partner | Family Event
1pm (3hrs)
Free | All ages
From Tea House to Tented Village, Gateway to Groves, and Yurts

to Caravans, listen to nature's eloquence through traditional stories and music. Journey between key locations in the beautiful Botanic Gardens and gather where stories will be shared in harmony with the elements. There's also *The Lost Seasons*, a special Festival performance of music, story and step dance from some of Scotland's leading traditional artists. www.thelostseasons.com

Make your own Interactive Story: Lecture & Workshop on digital storytelling

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Training & Development
1pm (3hrs 45)
£15 (£12) | Adults
Interactive storytelling is an exciting challenge with no definitive format, infiltrating all platforms from gaming to cinema to education. But what do we mean by interactive storytelling? **Professor Ruth Aylett** and **Dr Sandy Louchart** of **Heriot Watt University** demystify the theory behind the concept. Join them for a presentation, followed by some hands on learning, to create your own interactive digital narrative. Let your imagination go wild and be as creative as you dare! All participants receive a pen drive with authoring software, documenting your tale of the day.

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Storytellers' Journeys: Newfoundland

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
Dale Jarvis transports us to his home turf – new found for some and familiar ground for others. A land of seafarers and storytellers comes to life in the hands of one of Canada's leading storytellers.

Storytellers' Journeys: The Cree Journey

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (50mins)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
First Nation artists **Jason Chamakese** and **Robert Gladue** take us into the Cree culture, one of the rich indigenous traditions that helped form North America. Stories and music combine to evoke a culture at one with its environment.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (1hr 30)
£10 (£8) | Adults
Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **Jess Smith** with **Kelone Khudu-Petersen**, **Dale Jarvis**, and **Claire McNicol**.



Festival Week

Monday 21 October

A Harvest of Stories

Scottish National Gallery

Edinburgh Partner | Live

Storytelling

10am & 2pm (2hrs)

Free (ticketed) | Older Adults

(Community Groups & Care Homes)

Join storyteller and artist **Claire**

Hewitt to celebrate the arrival of autumn through storytelling, reminiscence, song and hand-making. The sessions will draw inspiration from works from the National Collection and are suitable for community groups, including those from care homes and those with dementia.

Max 8-10 participants per session + supporting staff/volunteers.

To reserve, phone 0131 624 6560.

Tales of a Grandson

Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Edinburgh Partner | Live

Storytelling

2pm (50mins)

Free | 6+

“From what I can gather... I’m led to believe... the story goes...”

What is your story of Scotland, my story, our story? Two hundred years after Walter Scott’s *Tales of a Grandfather*, storyteller **Andy Cannon** sets out like a latter day Gaberlunzie Man to share and to listen, beginning with all those James! *Tales of a Grandson* is a

development project organised by the **MacRobert Arts Centre** in association with the SISF.

African Journeys

National Library of Scotland

Edinburgh Partner | Training

& Development

12.45pm (2hrs 30)

£15 (£12) | Adults

Storytellers from Botswana and Scotland offer creative pathways for educators into the culture and history of southern Africa. A workshop for teachers, educators and artists in education led by **Ewan McVicar** and **Kelone Khudu-Petersen**. Learn how stories, images and artefacts facilitate rich learning activities, and build bridges between different parts of our diverse global world.

Inner Journeys: Shaman’s Core Seeds of Storytelling

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Training & Development

2pm (2hrs 30)

£15 (£12) | Adults

Share the cross-cultural dimension, go on a shamanic journey and reflect on its significance and meaning. Facilitator: **Mary Catherine Burgess**, psychodrama trainer and shamanic practitioner. In association with **University of Edinburgh**.

Livingstone & the Ordeal of the Congo

National Library of Scotland

Edinburgh Partner | Talks

& Lectures

6pm (1hr)

Free (ticketed) | Adults

Ever since, in the nineteenth century, David Livingstone revealed the full horror of slavery in the Congo, it has remained a byword for human misery, appalling heat and tropical disease. Even so, when circumstances forced him to follow in the footsteps of H. M. Stanley and the great Scottish explorer, hardened travel writer **Patrick Richardson** was completely unprepared for what was to come.

Storytellers’ Journeys: John Muir - The Wilderness Within

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

Daniel Allison takes us into the world of pioneer traveller and ecologist, John Muir. A Scot from Dunbar, Muir is remembered as the founder of North America’s national parks, and as a man attuned to the spirit of nature.

Storytellers’ Journeys: Thomas Muir’s Radical Voyage

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

Stuart McHardy celebrates Scottish radical and revolutionary Thomas Muir in story and song. It’s a round the world voyage from home turf, to transportation, to Mexico, to France, Ireland and back to Calton Hill – the shrine of native democracy.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 30)

£10 (£8) | Adults

Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **Stuart McHardy**, with **Heather Yule** and **Geeta Ramanujam**, Kathalaya Bangalore.

Tuesday 22 October

A Harvest of Stories

Scottish National Gallery

Edinburgh Partner | Live

Storytelling

10am & 2pm (2hrs)

Free | Older Adults (Community Groups & Care Homes)

Join storyteller and artist **Claire Hewitt** to celebrate the arrival of autumn through storytelling, reminiscence, song and hand-making. The sessions will draw inspiration from works from



Ana Sofia Paiva



Andy Cannon

John Witherspoon: An Enlightenment Journey

National Library of Scotland

Edinburgh Partner | Talks

& Lectures

2.30pm (1hr)

Free (ticketed) | Adults

Discover the links between Scotland and the founding of the USA. Actor **Stephen Duffy**, filmmaker **Alan Hendry** and author **J. Walter McGinty** combine to throw light on the world of intellectual pioneer John Witherspoon.

Alan Bruford Memorial Lecture: Dr Emily Lyle

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Talks & Lectures

6pm (50mins)

Free (ticketed) | Adults

The esteemed and much loved **Emily Lyle** – pioneer for oral culture – explores the theme *Fighting Dragons and Other Monsters, on a Journey through the Seasons* in this annual lecture, given in honour of scholar and archivist Alan Bruford. Under the auspices of the **School of Scottish Studies Archives**, within University of Edinburgh’s department of Celtic and Scottish Studies.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 30)

£10 (£8) | Adults

Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **David Francis** with **Alison McMorland**, **Geordie MacIntyre** and **Margaret Bennett**, with special guest of honour **Skip Gorman**.

Wednesday 23 October

A Harvest of Stories

Scottish National Gallery

Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling

10am & 2pm (2hrs)

Free (ticketed) | Older Adults

(Community Groups & Care Homes)

Join storyteller and artist **Claire Hewitt** to celebrate the arrival of autumn through storytelling, reminiscence, song and hand-

making. The sessions will draw inspiration from works from the National Collection and are suitable for community groups, including those from care homes and those with dementia. *Max 8-10 participants per session + supporting staff/volunteers.* To reserve, phone 0131 624 6560.

Stories and Cures

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Film Screening | Talks & Lectures
2pm (1hr)

Free (ticketed) | Adults

Joanna Geyer Kordesch is a writer, poet and distinguished historian of medicine. She has pioneered the exploration of medicine as a humane art, connecting with culture and philosophy. When completing her most recent project, *Storytelling and the Arts of Medicine*, Joanna suffered a severe stroke. In this film portrait, she reflects on her experience as both patient and researcher, and shares some of her conclusions on the interplay of mind, body and spirit.

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Storytellers' Journeys: Columba's Way

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

Marion Kenny follows St Columba from his, and her, native Donegal in Ireland to Iona, with story and music. It is 1450 years since Columba made his historic voyage, but the pilgrim journey is new every time.

Storytellers' Journeys: A Celtic Way

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

David Campbell goes in search of the storyteller's path in Celtic tradition. After a lifetime of engagement at the forefront of Scotland's cultural renaissance, David shares a storyteller's accumulated wisdom.

Northern Fires

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 30)

£10 (£8) | Adults

The Sami people of northern Scandinavia sustain an ancient nomadic background, and one of Europe's most distinctive storytelling customs. Tradition bearer **Berit Alette Mienna** joins with Norwegian storyteller **Georgiana Keable** and Scottish host **Claire Hewitt** in an evening of mythology and folk tales from the far north.

Thursday 24 October

A Harvest of Stories

Scottish National Gallery

Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling

10am & 2pm (2hrs)

Free (ticketed) | Older Adults

(Community Groups & Care Homes)

Join storyteller and artist **Claire Hewitt** to celebrate the arrival of autumn through storytelling, reminiscence, song and hand-making. The sessions will draw inspiration from works from the National Collection and are suitable for community groups, including those from care homes and those with dementia. *Max 8-10 participants per session + supporting staff/volunteers.* To reserve, phone 0131 624 6560.

Inner Journeys: The Call - Stories of Vocation and Healing

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Training & Development

2pm (2hrs 30)

£15 (£12) | Adults

The idea of a calling or vocation is important in many spiritual,

religious and storytelling traditions. Using **Readers Theatre**, we will explore the vocational stories of people central to the development of counselling in Scotland. Using exercises from narrative therapy, we will connect to our own experiences of being "called". Facilitator: **Alette Willis**, storyteller and oral historian. In association with **University of Edinburgh**.

Poisoned Arrows Preview

National Library of Scotland

Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling

2.30pm (1hr)

Free (ticketed) | Adults

Go on a journey through Africa with John Kirk, David Livingstone's botanist, meeting some unexpected hazards, as well as some local farmers and storytellers! This event previews *Poisoned Arrows* at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (see pages 16 and 17). With storytellers **Kelone Khudu-Petersen** and **Mara Menzies**, and actors in the roles of Kirk and Hutton Balfour, the Garden's then Regius Keeper. Supported by **David Livingstone 200**.

Storytellers' Journeys: To the Isle of May

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

The Islands of the Forth are places of ancient pilgrimage and contemporary sanctuary. Sail to the Isle of May's Maiden Rocks in story and song with **Claire McNicol** and **Fergus McNicol**, meeting the seals, the birds and the Saints en route.

Storytellers' Journeys: Ballad of the Five Marys

Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling

Free (ticketed) | Adults

6pm (50mins)

Donald Smith goes in search of the characters behind his new novel *Ballad of the Five Marys*. Will the real Mary, Queen of Scots finally stand up amidst the welter of rumour and innuendo that has been passed through the centuries? Discover the surprising truths behind the wonderful images. Numbers limited. To book, phone 0131 624 6560.

Storytellers' Journeys: To Sacred India

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

The Indian subcontinent is rich in mythology and places of pilgrimage. **Geeta Ramanujam**, Kathalaya Bangalore, evokes a universe of sacred lore and invites us on a deeper quest. A unique window into India through its myriad storytelling traditions.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 30)

£10 (£8) | Adults

Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **David Campbell**, with **Allan MacDonald** and **Ruth Kirkpatrick**.



Friday 25 October

Storytellers' Journeys: The Gaberlunzie Man

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Training & Development

1.30pm (2hrs)

£15 (£12) | Adults

Andy Cannon shares his quest to reshape and reground our sense of Scotland's story two centuries after Walter Scott's *Tales of a Grandfather*. This interactive presentation, followed by discussion, is designed for teachers, educators, artists and storytellers. What is our sense of Scotland today and how can we express and explore it with people of all ages?



Daniel Allison

I Knew a Man Called Livingstone

National Library of Scotland

Edinburgh Partner | Live

Storytelling

2.30pm (1hr)

£8 (£6) | Family event

Toto Tales present a powerful performance from the perspective of the Africans who knew Livingstone best. Why was he different from the European norm and so loved? Come ready to travel in the footsteps of the Scotsman who went where no white man had gone before.

Storytellers' Journeys: Mr Livingstone's Lantern Lecture

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

5pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

Ewan McVicar takes us on a storytelling lantern experience for the Livingstone bicentenary.

Rocks in the River gives insights into David Livingstone and some of his intriguing friends and associates that throw new light on the links between Scotland and Africa.



George Macpherson

Storytellers' Journeys: Mary Slessor

Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

6.30pm (50mins)

£7.50 (£5) | Adults

Known as the "Red-Headed Tornado", Mary Slessor challenged every barrier of class, gender, culture and religion. **Ruth Kirkpatrick** takes on the story of the "bonny fechter" for Scotland and Africa.

Follow That: Festival Guid Crack

Waverley Bar

Club Event

7.30pm (2hrs 30)

By donation (£3) | Adults

Edinburgh's renowned monthly storytelling session takes the Festival's theme on a journey to who knows where, with open floor opportunities for everyone to share their stories! Hosted by **Andy Hunter**. Accompanied young adults welcome.

Open Hearth

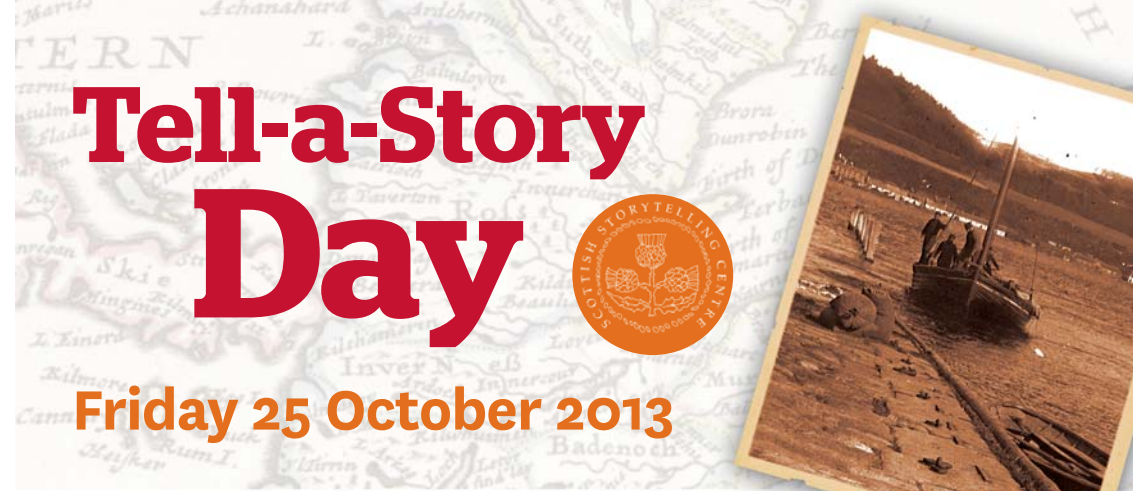
Scottish Storytelling Centre

Live Storytelling

8pm (1hr 30)

£10 (£8) | Adults

Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **Donald Smith** with **Giovanna Conforto**, **Gary West** and **Mio Shapley**.



Journeys

Journeys are stories that unfold day after day, mile after mile. Shared around the campfire or told sitting comfortably by the hearth, they take our minds to lands far and near and inspire us. Gold from the New World or exotic spices from the East cannot equal the gift of a tale brought home from a journey.

Travel to faraway lands on Tell-a-Story Day, and take your family, community, workplace or school with you as you discover the world

through the eyes and words of famous explorers and renowned adventurers.

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So what are you waiting for? Organise a Tell-a-Story Day

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Finale Weekend

Saturday 26 October

Poisoned Arrows

The Glasshouses, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Edinburgh Partner | Walking Tour
11am-1pm & 2-4pm (each walk lasts approx. 50 mins) | Last admission 12pm & 3pm
Free with cost of Glasshouse admission: £4.50 (£3.50), child £1, Family £9, RBGE Members free (no pre-booking required) | 8+
Join a mission to find John Kirk, Livingstone's botanist, and meet African storytellers along the way sharing tales of useful plants, wild drugs, food and magic. Find out what has happened in the places Kirk explored 150 years ago and discover whether the things he predicted in his letters and diaries, from the end of slavery to fair trade, really happened. Can looking back help us see the future? Part of a joint project with the **Scottish Storytelling Centre**, the **JANEEMO Project** and the **National Library of Scotland**.
N.B. Event involves walking and standing. See also www.rbge.org.uk/poisonedarrows or phone 0131 248 2909 (enquiries only, tickets available for purchase on the day).

Down on the Farm

Gorgie City Farm
Edinburgh Partner | Family Event
11.30am & 1.30pm (30mins)
Free (donations welcome) | All ages
Meet the animals and enjoy some storytelling magic on Edinburgh's own City farm, with storyteller and naturalist **Rosie Mapplebeck**.

The Darien Adventure

Gladstone's Land
Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling
2 & 3.30pm (1hr)
Free (ticketed) | Adults
What is the connection between Central America and Edinburgh's stunning seventeenth century High Street mansion? Why did events in the Old Town lead to a colony, a blockade and eventually a massacre? And why did it leave Scotland bankrupt? Storyteller **Fiona Herbert** makes the connections in the locations where it all began. To reserve, phone 0131 226 5856.

Beacons: Stories from our not so distant future

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Talks & Lectures
2pm (1hr 30)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
Beacons threw down the gauntlet to award-winning writers, challenging them to devise original responses to climate crisis. This event brings writers and readers together to respond to the

completed story collection, and debate the issues and emotions raised. Hosted by author and editor **Gregory Norminton**, with darkly comic playwright **Julie Wilkinson**. Published by **Oneworld** – all royalties donated to **Stop Climate Chaos Coalition**.
www.stopclimatechaos.org

Tales of the Tweed

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
4pm (50mins)
£5 (£3) | Adults
Storytellers, ecologists and researchers shared a journey down the Tweed in September, meeting with those who live and work by the river while hearing and sharing stories. This informal event with **Sophia Collins** and **Andy Hunter** celebrates that journey, and sets the scene for the Storytelling Festival's *Seeing Stories* journey to the Scottish Borders on Tue 29 October (see page 24).

Storytellers' Journeys: Alaska Highway

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
5pm (50mins)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
Canadian storyteller and inveterate traveller **Kathy Jessup** takes us on one of America's epic journeys to the north, reflecting on the human experience of nature at her grandest and most unforgiving.

Storytellers' Journeys: Tales from the Tagus

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
6.30pm (50mins)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults
The Festival welcomes its first ever Portuguese guest storytellers, as part of the European *Seeing Stories* project. Like Edinburgh, Lisbon is on a river by the sea, and poised between a rugged mountain landscape and the Atlantic Ocean. **Luís Correia Carmelo** and **Ana Sofia Paiva** introduce one nation of natural travellers to another.

Open Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
8pm (1hr 30)
£10 (£8) | Adults
Join storytellers and musicians in a relaxed traditional session round the hearth, as the darkness closes in and the embers glow. Hosted by **Bea Ferguson** with **Marion Kenny**, **Daniel Allison** and **Gica Loening**.

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The Light of the World

National Library of Scotland
Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling
2.30pm (1hr 15)
Free (ticketed) | Adults
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Seeing Stories: Calton Hill - Some Mad God's Dream?

Live Storytelling
10am (5hrs)
Free (normal charges apply to Nelson Monument) | Adults
Calton Hill is one of the richest and strangest landscapes of Edinburgh. As part of the European *Seeing Stories* project, storytellers and interpreters share the tales of the monuments, and guide you on short story walks around the sites. Calton Hill is a place of folklore, subversion and democratic protest, but also an icon of science, philosophy, technology and war. *Nelson Monument opens from 10am, walks and talks from 11am.*



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Mysteries, Monsters and Miracles

Scottish National Portrait Gallery
Edinburgh Partner | Live Storytelling
 2 & 3pm (45mins)
 Free | Age 4-12

Sit beneath the Portrait Gallery mural, a magnificent saga of Scotland, and hear all about the amazing adventures of St Columba and his journey to Scotland. Performed by storyteller and musician **Heather Yule**, for the 1450th anniversary of Columba's arrival in Scotland.



Ian Stephen



Mara Menzies



Claire McNicol



David Campbell

Sackcloth and Ashes

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling | Fashion Show
 6pm (1hr 15)
 £10 (£8) | Adults

In fairytales, clothes matter. From riches to magical rags, and sumptuous extravagance to natural simplicity, hear the stories and see the clothes in a spectacular Festival fashion first! Hosted by

David Campbell, with stories from **Claire McNicol**, **Calum Lykan**, and **Janet de Vigne**. Designs by **Lubi Lykan** and figures by **Andy Jones**. *Sackcloth and Ashes* kicks off an evening of Hallowe'en fun bringing this year's Festival to a close.

Hallowe'en Hearth Fires

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
 6.30pm (2hrs 30)
 £5 | Adult

Music, Ghostburgers and Guisers! Plus Liar Tours and Ghost Tours of the Netherbow and Scottish Storytelling Centre, on the hour and every half hour. Come prepared for indoor, outdoor and guising... as the mood takes you.

Hallowe'en Hearth

Scottish Storytelling Centre
Live Storytelling
 8.30pm (2hrs)
 £12 (£10) | Adults

As darkness falls in the historic Netherbow area, its gardens, closes and medieval lands come to life in an atmospheric Hallowe'en finale of Celtic stories and music, plus spooky tales from other cultures. With host **Seoras Macpherson** and a galaxy of guest talents, this will be a fireside night to remember through the cold months of winter.



Friday 18 - Monday 21 October

North Coast - Portskerra

Portskerra International Storytelling Festival

The second edition of the North Coast storytelling festival focuses on journeys, with stories exploring the expeditions of bringing in the harvest and of completing the circle of life. We will celebrate old traditions and recognise their place within our lives. Stories from **Berit Alette Mienna** (Sami), **Georgiana Keable** (English/Norwegian), **Christine Stone** (Hebridean), **Tom Muir** (Orkney) and North Coast storyteller, **Alexandria Patience**. For programme and bookings see www.portskerrastorytellingfestival.weebly.com

Saturday 19 October

Eyemouth

Gunsgreen House Storytelling Festival

From 10.30am onwards

Berwickshire's famous fishing port hosts its own family festival in Gunsgreen House and other venues. Sessions throughout the day with special guest storytellers from the SISF, as well as stories and music from **Anne Pitcher**, **Donald Nelson**, **Margaret Christison**, **Marie-Louise Cochrane**, **Tim Porteus** and **Marjorie Leithead**. For timings of sessions and bookings please see www.gunsgreenhouse.org, phone 018907 52062 or email enquiries@gunsgreenhouse.org

Sunday 20 October

Glasgow

Scotland's Journeys - Storytelling Festival at the Old Sheriff Court

Join Scotland's storytellers for an action packed day at the superb Merchant city HQ of Scottish Youth Theatre.

For all events at The Old Sheriff Court book on www.scottishyouththeatre.org or call the Tron Box Office on 0141 552 4267.

Scottish Youth Theatre - Family Storytime: How Jumbo went to the Moon

Edwin Morgan Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

**Glasgow Partner |
Family Event**

10.30am, 12.30pm
& 3pm (1hr)
£5 per person, £15 family
of four (under 2s go free) |
suitable for 3-7 years and
the whole family

Fast paced zany story about two brothers and a dog called Jumbo, who travel the world to look for the perfect place to build their home. "This is the perfect place for a house", said the brothers, but then a grizzly giant living nearby shouted "No!". Will the house get built? What will they do with the grizzly giant? And How did Jumbo go to the moon?

Captain Zeppo's Submarine Adventures

Brian Cox Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

Glasgow Partner | Family Event
11am (1 hr)

£5 per person, £15 family of four (under 2s go free) | All Ages
Join Captain Zeppo aboard his submarine *The Zeppulus* as he and his crew travel the Seven Seas in search of high adventure. Along the way, you'll meet creatures of the deep, visit strange lands and encounter all that is weird and wonderful fifty fathoms deep. Stories, songs and fun galore with **Macastory's Ron Fairweather** and **Fergus McNicol**.

The Light of the World

Brian Cox Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

**Glasgow Partner | Live
Storytelling**

1pm (1hr)
£6 (£4) | Adults

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Ewan McVicar

Storytellers' Journeys: Mary Slessor

Brian Cox Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

**Glasgow Partner | Live
Storytelling**

2.30pm (1hr)
£6 (£4) | Adults

Known as the "Red-Headed Tornado", Mary Slessor challenged every barrier of class, gender, culture and religion. **Ruth Kirkpatrick** takes on the story of the "bonny fechter" for Scotland and Africa.

Storytellers' Journeys: John Rae

Brian Cox Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

**Glasgow Partner | Live
Storytelling**

4pm (1hr)
£6 (£4) | Adults

Bob Pegg evokes the remarkable and often controversial career of the Orkneyman who found the Northwest Passage and solved the mystery of the Franklin expedition. A scintillating saga of stubborn endurance and skill.

Young Storytellers

Edwin Morgan Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

**Glasgow Partner | Training &
Development**

4.30pm (2hrs)
£8 (£6) | 16+

Renowned storyteller and performer **Andy Cannon** introduces the art and cunning of stories, exploring some Scottish legends and historical tales along the way. A workshop for a rising generation of Scottish storytellers.

Glasgow the Best

Brian Cox Studio | The Old Sheriff Court

**Glasgow Partner | Live
Storytelling**

5.30pm (1hr 30)
£7.50 (£5) | Adults

Enjoy the crack with the cream of Glasgow's storytelling talent. As the city's big year approaches, people make Glasgow, but the stories also make the people. Hosted by **Frances Logan**, with **Donald Nelson**, **Michael Kerins** and **Donna Bowyer**.



Tuesday 22 October

Ross of Mull

The Light of the World

Creich Hall, Fionnphort,
Ross of Mull, Isle of Mull

Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs) | Free

For David Livingstone's bicentenary year, noted singer **Christine Kydd** and storyteller **Ewan McVicar** have created a new show about Livingstone and one of his best friends and supporters – inventor James Paraffin Young. Poor students together, one became famous, the other rich. Christine sings Scots and slave songs, while Ewan tells the remarkable story with the help of Mr Livingstone's original lantern slides. Contact jansutchpickard@gmail.com or phone 01681 700 316.

Dundee

Once Upon an African Journey

Dundee Contemporary Arts,
152 Nethergate

Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs 30) | £5 (£3)

Come with storyteller **Kelone Khudu-Petersen** from Botswana, as she takes you on a magical journey to special places in her homeland, accompanied by the **Blether Tay-gither** storyteller. Bookable in advance from DCA by phone or in person, Tel: 01382 909 900 & Box Office is open Mon-Sun, 10am-8.30pm.

Scottish Borders - Peebles

Once Upon a Journey

The County Inn, 35 High Street

Live Storytelling

7pm (2hrs 30) | By Donation

Canadian storyteller **Kathy Jessup** kicks off an open, informal evening of travelling tales. Hosted by **Daru McAleece** by the banks of the Tweed. Enquiries to david@mcaleece.com.

Wednesday 23 October

Isle of Bute

Trails and Tales

Rothesay Library,
Stuart Street

Live Storytelling

7pm | Free

Jason Chamakese and **Robert Gladue** travel to the Isle of Bute bringing the haunting songs and legends of the Cree Indian Nation. An evening of beautiful traditional music and inspiring stories. Tel. 01700 503 266.

Campbeltown

Trails and Tales

Campbeltown Library,
Kinloch Road

Live Storytelling

7pm | Free

Canadian storyteller **Kathy Jessup** travels to Argyll and brings her stories from far west Canada. Tel. 01586 555435.

Thursday 24 October

Dunoon

Trails and Tales

Dunoon Library,
248 Argyll Street

Live Storytelling

7.30pm | Free

Jason Chamakese and **Robert Gladue** travel to Argyll, bringing the haunting songs and legends of the Cree Indian Nation. An evening of beautiful traditional music and inspiring stories. Tel. 01369 708 682.

Fife

Wish You Were Here!

Woodside Hotel, Main Street,
Aberdour

Live Storytelling

7.30pm (2hrs) | £6 (£5) inc. tea/
coffee & shortbread.

Timeless tales from Norway's **Georgiana Keable** and Sami storyteller **Berit Alette Mienna**, with stories and songs from Fife's storytellers. Contact: Judy Paterson at judy4stories@yahoo.co.uk or 01383 414 216.

Thursday 24 - Sunday 27

Orkney Storytelling Festival

Go north for a special storytelling experience with Orkney's storytellers and celebrate the bi-centenary of Orkneyman John Rae, the first European to identify the Northwest Passage. Plus meet special guest storytellers,

including the fantastic **Bob Pegg** (bringing his famous *Roots and Flutes* workshop), and a first-time visit for writer, historian, ghost-hunter, tourist guide and master storyteller **Dale Jarvis**, from Newfoundland in Canada! Contact: orkneystof@hotmail.co.uk or see website: www.orkneystorytellingfestival.co.uk

Friday 25 October

Oban

Trails and Tales

Oban Library, 77 Albany Street

Live Storytelling

6pm | Free

Jason Chamakese and **Robert Gladue** travel to Argyll bringing the haunting songs and legends of the Cree Indian Nation. An evening of beautiful traditional music and inspiring stories. Tel. 01631 571 444.

Saturday 26 October

Alloa

Magical Journeys

GR McFarlane Art Gallery,
41 Mill Street

Live Storytelling

11am | Free | All ages

International storyteller **Geeta Ramanujam**, Kathalaya Bangalore, shares tales of pilgrims and voyagers from Kathalaya, The House of Stories. *Access to venue is via stairs.* For booking: www.clackmannanshiretourism.com, Tel. 01259 723 303.



The Storyteller's Secret

Resonate Arts House,
North Castle Street

Workshop

2pm | Free | All ages

There are a thousand ways to tell a story, and it's fun to tell through puppetry and toy theatre. Join **Geeta Ramanujam**, Kathalaya Bangalore, for an interactive workshop and learn how to tell stories to both children and grown ups, using everyday objects. For booking: www.clackmannanshiretourism.com, Tel. 01259 928014.

Highlands - Newtonmore

All our Stories

Highland Folk Museum,
Aultlarie Croft, Kingussie Road

Live Storytelling

2pm (2hrs)

Free | 8+

Join storytellers and musicians – from Scotland, **Essie Stewart**, **Claire Hewitt**, **Alasdair Taylor** and **Alastair Davidson**; and from Norway, **Berit Alette Mienna** and **Georgiana Keable** – for an afternoon of traditional journey tales and songs from around the world. Young people from Badenoch & Lochaber will also share their own stories in Gaelic and English, inspired by the epic journeys of the Scottish drovers and other travellers. Tel. 01540 673 551.

Sunday 27 October

Aberdeen

Never-ending Tales: A Family Story Night with Tony Robertson

King's College, MacRobert Building 613, University of Aberdeen

Live Storytelling

7pm (1hr 45) | Free | All ages

The **Elphinstone Institute** is proud to present an evening with the wonderful Aberdonian teller of tales, **Tony Robertson**. Descended from a long line of storytellers, Tony learned many traditional Traveller stories from his father, Stanley Robertson, and other family members. Tony's remarkable storytelling style immediately draws in his audience, and the stories he tells are not only highly entertaining, but impart profound meaning to both children and adults alike. Join us for a memorable autumn night of stories from a treasure of the North-East.

Tuesday 29 October

Scottish Borders

Seeing Stories - Interpreting Landscape Narrative

Dryburgh Abbey Hotel and Scott's
Abbotsford

Courses & Workshops

10am-6pm, Conference,
8pm Dinner & Performance
Conference £35 (£25)*
Conference plus Dinner &
Performance £60 (£50)

Landscape is rich in story and a vital part of what informs our sense of place. This day of presentations and workshops is provided by projects from Italy, Germany, Scotland and Portugal, who are working together on the European *Seeing Stories* project. At the same time, participants will be introduced to the riches of the Tweed landscape, including the magnificently restored home of the area's master storyteller, Sir Walter Scott, at Abbotsford. Dryburgh is located half an hour's drive south of Edinburgh in the stunning Tweed Valley near Melrose. The event is suitable for all those working with landscape stories in urban and rural settings, and for those with an interest in cultural tourism.

Accommodation available at Dryburgh Abbey Hotel or elsewhere locally.

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About the storytellers



1. Berit Alette Mienna is a Sami singer, musician, storyteller and educator from Karasjok in Norway. She grew up in a big family and her narrative joik traditions are explored in the variety of events and workshops she gives, with her years of work in joik resulting in a 3-year grant for 2010-2012 from the Sami Parliament. www.facebook.com/berit.a.mienna

2. Georgiana Keable has been active in the renaissance of storytelling both in England and Norway (founder member of the **Company of Storytellers**). She's worked as teacher and storyteller for all ages, and has taught storytelling at University level in Oslo for 16 years. In 2002 she founded **Fortellerhuset - The Storytelling House** which includes tellers from 3 continents. www.georgiana.net

3. Geeta Ramanujam, Kathalaya Bangalore, founded the **Kathalaya Trust (The House of Stories)** to revive the ancient art of storytelling and to use it in schools as a cultural tool in education. As well as being an internationally renowned storyteller, Geeta is an Ashoka Fellow and has been a teacher and librarian at schools in Bangalore for the past 28 years. www.kathalaya.org

4. Dale Jarvis is a professional storyteller and folklorist living in Newfoundland, Canada. The proprietor of **St. John's Haunted Hike**, Dale tells ghost stories, faerie stories, legends and traditional tales from Newfoundland, Labrador, and beyond. Columnist and author of several books, he is a tireless promoter of oral traditions. www.dalejarvis.blogspot.co.uk

5. Chamakese & Gladue: Jason Chamakese comes from the Pelican Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, Canada. Devoted to maintaining his traditional language and culture, he was drawn to the sound of the traditional flute. Robert Gladue is from the Waterhen Lake Cree Nation. Singing since 16, he credits the drum for leading him towards a brighter path and hopes to inspire younger generations into embracing their cultural ways. As a duo, their talents combine to create beautiful music, merging contemporary round-dance songs and generations-old Cree serenading songs.

6. Kathy Jessup was raised in a remote village in Canada's Rocky Mountains. Storytelling has taken Kathy across her vast homeland, igniting a passion for travel and creating opportunities to share her northern heritage tales.

Kathy's CD of original stories, *LISTEN UP!*, received national recognition in Canada. www.kathyjessup.com

7. Dr. Kelone Khudu-Petersen is a Botswana citizen of Bakgalagari descent, and Art Education lecturer at the **University of Botswana**. Kelone co-founded **Springboard Humanism**, a non-religious organisation facilitating the education of socially marginalised and economically disadvantaged women of minority ethnic background. www.kelonekhudu-petersen.cgpublisher.com

8. Luís Correia Carmelo was born in Lisbon, but lived in Brazil for the majority of his childhood, before returning to Portugal. An active research collaborator of the **Traditional Literature Studies Institute** (New University of Lisbon) and the **Arts and Communication Research Centre** (University of Algarve), he developed the project *Storytelling: A Performance Art*.

9. Ana Sofia Paiva is a Portuguese actress and storyteller, merging theatre, storytelling and music. She teaches workshops focusing on the power of voice, oral performance and musicality.

