

Riverway Storytelling Festival

May 1-7, 2006

Albany, NY

Where Stories Come Alive!

www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

Featured Storytellers

Judith Black



Judith is a powerful veteran storyteller equally comfortable performing on bare stages or with symphony orchestras. In 2002, Judith was inducted into the National Storytelling Network's Circle of Excellence "for exceptional commitment and exemplary contribution to the art of storytelling."

Judith has been featured in storytelling festivals and conferences throughout the world. Her versatility shines in stories ranging from fairy tales and trickster stories to the rocky and sometimes hilarious road of every day life.

Judith's storytelling work also includes consulting to the entertainment professionals and Imagineers at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Dan Keding



Dan is an internationally acclaimed storyteller who has performed at some of the most prestigious international events in storytelling. He has been a featured teller at The National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee; Sidmouth International Folk Arts Festival in Sidmouth, England; Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival in Cape Clear, Ireland; Belfast Storytelling Festival, Northern Ireland; and more than four hundred other festivals.

He has over a dozen recordings that have won such awards as the American Library Association Notable Recordings for Children and six Storytelling World Awards. His first book, *Stories of Hope and Spirit: Folktales of Eastern Europe*, recently won the prestigious Anne Izard Storyteller's Choice Award and a Storytelling World Honor Award.

Find out more online about the festival at www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

Regional Storytellers

Eshu Bumpus



Photo by Fran Ferry

Eshu Bumpus sang before he learned to speak. As well as an accomplished jazz vocalist, Eshu is a renowned storyteller and a master at physical characterization. He captivates his audience with African, African-American, and world folktales leavened with music, humor and mystery. He has performed on the Exchange Place stage at the National Festival (1998), and at the Smithsonian (1997). Eshu travels throughout the US performing in schools as well as conducting workshops in storytelling and creative writing. As a jazz vocalist, Eshu has performed with great musicians such as Archie Shepp, Vishnu Wood, and Billy Arnold.

Mary Murphy is an accomplished writer and teller of stories whose performances evoke the everyday as well as the universal. Mary has been a featured teller at the Rockland County Storytelling Festival and at the Clearwater Festival in Croton, NY. She has performed at Princeton University for the 50th anniversary conference for the journal *Sacred Journey*, the National Storytelling Festival, the Hawaii Storytelling Festival, the Clever Gretchen Folklore Conference and the Philadelphia Fringe Festival. Her stories have been anthologized in *Give A Listen: Stories of Storytelling in Schools* (NCTE, 1994) and in such magazines as *Sacred Journey* and *Mature Life* where her story "Angels - No Wings, Please!" won a national award. In addition to performing and writing, Mary is a talented and sought-after coach of young storytellers.

Mary Murphy



Bob Reiser



Bob's unique, expansive and joyous storytelling style was shaped by a misspent youth of rooting for the Brooklyn Dodgers and doing improvisation, comedy and street theater. Accompanying himself with flute and drum, Bob brings warmth and wit to traditional and original tales. McFarland Press listed him among the "120 best contemporary English-speaking Storytellers." He performs at festivals from New England to Oklahoma. Brother Blue (Dr. Hugh Morgan) of Cambridge Massachusetts calls his show, *An Evening With Grandpa Abe and Uncle Ahmet*, a "tour de force... an expression of the storyteller's highest art..." Author of six books for adults and children, he has worked with Pete Seeger and jazz drummer Panama Francis. His newest children's book, *David Gets His Drum*, was recently published.

Local Storytellers

Fran Combs Berger
Alan McClintock

Kent Busman
Nancy Marie Payne
Frank-Lee Speaking

Micki Groper
Mary Rachel Platt

Riverway Storytelling Festival Schedule

Monday, May 1 Family Concerts Free		
7:00 – 8:00 pm (518) 686-9401	Cheney Library Hoosick Falls	Stories from Near and Far <i>Micki Groper and Alan McClintock</i>
7:00 – 8:00 pm (518) 861-7239	Altamont Free Library Altamont	Spring is Sprung: Stories for Families <i>Fran Combs Berger and Kent Busman</i>
Tuesday, May 2 Family Concerts Free		
6:30 – 7:30 pm (518) 733-5750	Stephentown Memorial Library Stephentown	Tales with Tails <i>Mary Rachel Platt and Frank-Lee Speaking</i>
7:00 – 8:00 pm (518) 766-2715	Nassau Free Library Nassau	Stories from Near and Far <i>Micki Groper and Alan McClintock</i>
Wednesday, May 3 Family Concerts Free		
7:00 – 8:00 pm (518) 732-0879	Castleton Public Library Castleton	Tales with Tails <i>Mary Rachel Platt and Frank-Lee Speaking</i>
6:30 – 7:30 pm (518) 482-7911	Pine Hills Branch Albany Public Library	Spring is Sprung: Stories for Families <i>Fran Combs Berger and Kent Busman</i>
Thursday, May 4 Our Favorite Stories (518) 477-7476 Free East Greenbush Community Library		
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Best-Loved Stories family concert	<i>Kent Busman, Frank-Lee Speaking, Micki Groper, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, Bob Reiser</i>
NOTE: While this is a free concert, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 477-7476 extension 6, for more information. (Full festival tickets include this concert. No additional tickets are needed.)		
Friday, May 5 Friday Workshops (518) 456-2400 \$75 Guilderland Public Library		
8:30 – 11:30 am	Cinderella Leaves the Book: workshop Multi Uses of Story in Library and Classroom Settings	<i>Dan Keding</i>
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Panel Discussion: Building Your Storytelling Confidence	<i>Judith Black, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, and Bob Reiser</i>
1:00 – 4:00 pm	The Techniques of Telling workshop	<i>Judith Black</i>
Friday, May 5 Ghost Stories (518) 456-2400 Free Guilderland Public Library		
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Things That Go Bump in the Night family concert	<i>Judith Black, Eshu Bumpus, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, Bob Reiser</i>
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Tales to Keep You Up All Night teen and adult concert	<i>Judith Black, Eshu Bumpus, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, Bob Reiser</i>
NOTE: While these are free concerts, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 456-2400 extension 9, for more information. (Full festival tickets include this concert. No additional tickets are needed.)		

Saturday, May 6 Albany Public Library, Main Branch (518) 427-4300		
9:30 – 11:00 am	The Ghost Story: Boo!! workshop	<i>Dan Keding</i> \$20 adult, \$10 student
9:30 – 11:00 am	Creating Original Fairy Tales from Your Life, Part 1 workshop	<i>Judith Black</i> \$20 adult
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	Juried Showcase family concert	Free
12:30 – 1:15 pm	Lunch and Story Swaps (concurrent) <i>Story Swaps are where anyone can tell a story (but not read a story). Do feel free to tell unpolished tales. Length of stories: under 7 minutes.</i>	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Passport to Adventure: World Stories for Families Free	<i>Eshu Bumpus, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy</i>
2:45 – 4:15 pm	Belly Laughs and Beyond: Bringing Humor To Stories workshop	<i>Bob Reiser</i> \$20 adult, \$10 student
2:45 – 4:15 pm	Creating Original Fairy Tales from Your Life, Part 2 workshop	<i>Judith Black</i> \$20 adult
Saturday, May 6 Laughin' Night (518) 458-9274 William K. Sanford Town Library, Colonie		
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin \$9 adult, \$4 child under 12	<i>Judith Black, Eshu Bumpus, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, Bob Reiser</i>
8:30 – 10:00 pm	You Might As Well Laugh: All Tickets \$12 Comical Tales of Being A Grown-up	<i>Judith Black, Eshu Bumpus, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, Bob Reiser</i>
Sunday, May 7 Albany History Fair (518) 434-0405 \$2/Person, \$5/Family Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center Tickets Sold Only at the Door		
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Once Upon a Time in Albany family concert	<i>Alan McClintock and Nancy Marie Payne</i>
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Once Upon a Time in Albany adult concert	<i>Alan McClintock and Nancy Marie Payne</i>
Sunday, May 7 Festival Finale (518) 439-9314 Free Bethlehem Public Library		
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Stories Alive! family concert	<i>Judith Black, Eshu Bumpus, Dan Keding, Mary Murphy, Bob Reiser</i>
NOTE: While this is a free concert, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that day. Please call the library, 439-9314, press 4, for more information. (Full festival tickets include this concert. No additional tickets are needed.)		

Full Festival Tickets are available at \$115 per adult, a savings of over \$20.
A Full Festival Ticket includes all programs, 4 workshops, and lunches on Friday and Saturday.

For directions to all venues, see www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

Riverway Storytelling Festival Workshops

Friday, May 5, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Guilderland Public Library Adult \$75

Cinderella Leaves the Book: Multi Uses of Story in Library/Classroom Settings with Dan Keding

8:30-11:30 a.m. This workshop will explore the uses of folktales, fairy tales and original and personal stories in the library and classroom. Stories, games and exercises will be presented. Worksheets and bibliographies will be available.

Buffet Lunch and Panel Discussion: Building Your Storytelling Confidence

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. How do you cope with stage fright? What happens if you forget an important part in my story? These and more of your practical concerns addressed by our panel of experts.

The Techniques of Telling with Judith Black

1:00-4:00 p.m. We will play with and stretch all of your potential assets for making a story you love come alive for listeners: dramatic use of your voice, an expressive body, an imagination that creates images in thin air, dancing fingers, etc.

Saturday, May 6, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Albany Public Library

The Ghost Story: Boo !! with Dan Keding Adult \$20, Student \$10

Why are we fascinated by ghost stories? When do they fit into our working repertoire? In this workshop we'll discuss researching, telling, and interpreting the scary story. This workshop will focus on ghost stories, horror stories and ghostly tales from around the world. They're not just for October.

Saturday, May 6, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Albany Public Library

Creating Original Fairy Tales from Your Life: Part 1 with Judith Black Adult \$20

These tales create a big screen palette for some of life's most serious issues, while simultaneously utilizing a minimalist's approach to place, character, and plot development. If they have had such a profound resonance for hundreds of years in cultures throughout the world, then why not use this ancient medicine for personal healing?

Saturday, May 6, 2:45-4:15 p.m. Albany Public Library

Storytelling From the Inside Out: Part 2 with Judith Black Adult \$20

See description above under Part 1. You must take Part 1 of this workshop in order to take Part 2.

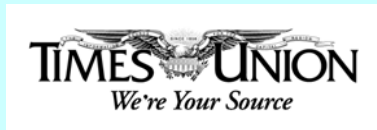
Saturday, May 6, 2:45-4:15 p.m. Albany Public Library

Belly Laughs And Beyond: Bringing Humor To Stories with Bob Reiser Adult \$20, Student \$10

How can a story heal, soothe, excite and entertain all at the same time? Through discussion, demonstration and, most of all, participation, come and taste the many flavors of humor. Bring one short story (5 minutes or under) that makes you laugh.

In-service credit will be available through The Greater Capital Region Teacher Center

Riverway Storytelling Festival Sponsors



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Ticket Information

Tickets can be purchased as follows:

- Send order form with check or money order made out to UHLS to: Riverway Storytelling Festival Upper Hudson Library System 28 Essex Street Albany, NY 12206
FREE TEE SHIRTS for first 50 full festival tickets !!!

- Purchase tickets at each event using check/cash.

Ticket requests received after April 15 will be held at the registration table for each event.

Ticket information and order form can be found at:

www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org

For more information about the tickets, please call (518) 437-9880.

Saturday Box Lunch

Includes a sandwich, a bottle of water, a bag of chips, an apple and a cookie.

NOTE: You may also bring your own lunch. There are no restaurants/delis/fast food outlets which are open on Saturday and are near the Albany Public Library.

Accommodations

A variety of motels and hotels are in the Albany Metro Area. See the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau's web site www.albany.org for more information about accommodations.

Merchandise

Storytelling merchandise will be available at the festival and can be purchased using check/cash.

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Riverway Storytelling Festival Order Form

Qty	Description	Price	Total
Full Festival (all programs, 4 workshops, Fri. and Sat. lunches)			
	Adult (a savings of over \$20)	\$115	
Friday: Two Workshops, Buffet Lunch, and Panel Discussion			
	Adult	\$75	
Saturday Morning Workshops (select only one/person)			
<i>The Ghost Story: Boo !! *</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
	Student	\$10	
<i>Creating Original Fairy Tales from Your Life: Part 1 *</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
Saturday Box Lunches (no cost for full festival ticket holders)			
	Chicken Sandwich	\$7.50	
	Italian Sandwich	\$7.50	
	Tuna Salad Sandwich	\$7.50	
	Vegetarian Sandwich	\$7.50	
Please list any food allergies or restrictions:			
Saturday Afternoon Workshops (select only one/person)			
<i>Belly Laughs And Beyond: Bringing Humor To Stories *</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
	Student	\$10	
<i>Creating Original Fairy Tales: Part 2 * You must also take Part 1</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
Saturday Night Programs: Laughin' Night			
<i>Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin</i>			
	Adult	\$9	
	Child under 12	\$4	
<i>You Might As Well Laugh: Comical Tales of Being A Grown-up</i>			
	All Tickets	\$12	
TOTAL			

* NOTE: These workshops are concurrent - please select only one.

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In-service credit desired for workshops attended? Yes ___ No ___
 If you could help us, we would like to know:
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