



24th Annual Three Apples Storytelling Festival Program



Hosted by Bedford Center for the Arts
Friday, September 26—Sunday, September 28, 2008

*“Three Apples fell from heaven:
one for the teller of the tale;
one for the listener;
and one for all the people of the world.”
Traditional Armenian ending for stories.*

WELCOME to the 24th Annual Three Apples Storytelling Festival! We are delighted to bring the Festival to Bedford for the third time. Our hosts, The Bedford Center for the Arts and the Festival Steering Committee have worked tirelessly over the past year to create this memorable event. We offer our sincerest gratitude to the Town of Bedford and the many civic groups who make this effort successful. The mission of the Bedford Center for the Arts is to build community through the arts. The Festival provides one visible way to fulfill this goal while perpetuating the art of storytelling for children and adults. The Festival has found a wonderfully supportive home in Bedford and we look forward to bringing the very best storytelling talent from throughout the nation to Bedford for many years to come. Enjoy the shows!

SPONSORS

We wish to thank these organizations for their major support of \$1,000 or more received by 8/17/08: Community Newspaper Company, The Massachusetts Cultural Council and Progress Software.

We wish to acknowledge these organizations for their generous support: Bestsellers Café, Friends of the Bedford Free Public Library, Local Cultural Councils of Bedford, Arlington, Burlington, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Littleton, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury and the New England Foundation for the Arts*. Our sincere gratitude goes to the many individuals who support the Festival’s annual appeal.



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FESTIVAL TRADITIONS

- **COMMUNITY STAGE** The Healing Force engage the audience with participatory African stories, songs and instruments.
- **SWAPPING GROUND** Where anyone from toddlers to seniors can share a story. Featured tellers will do a short set at the Swapping Ground to give you a chance to see them in an informal setting.
- **TRAVELING TALES** Participate and see how stories evolve as they are told and re-told. Look for people with story pouches and ask them to tell you the story, then you get the pouch and pass the story onto the next person who asks.
- **FESTIVAL MARKETPLACE & FOOD** Take stories home with you. Visit Bestsellers Café on the Town Common and the JGMS auditorium. You’ll find selections from every featured teller and the latest in storytelling releases. Support Bedford community groups while enjoying breakfast, lunch and snacks on the Common. A portion of these proceeds benefits the Three Apples Storytelling Festival, Bedford Center for the Arts and other community groups.

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Register online at www.threeapples.org or by phone 781-287-0069.
Order tickets by 9/19 and save 10%!

FEATURED TELLERS



ODDS BODKIN's character-voice and music-filled storytelling style has been mesmerizing listeners, young and old, for twenty-four years. His most recent recording, *The Harper and The King: The Story of Young David* won the Parent's Choice Gold Award and the Storytelling World Award. His all-original music on 12 string guitars, Celtic harp, grand piano and other instruments makes his collection of stories resemble pieces of musical theater as much as storytelling. His seventeen award-winning audio recordings range from original dino-musicals for young children through an eclectic collection of international folktales, fairytales, and comic tall tales. His renowned epic telling *The Odyssey* and *The Rage of Hercules* have earned him a national

reputation. www.oddsbodkin.com

THE HEALING FORCE With booming drums and rattling gourds.....with song and story.....with talking drums and wasamba.....this family weaves tales from Africa with traditional music and dance. Husband and wife team, Joseph and Gail Anderson, joined with daughter, Sonji, and son, Karim, to form The Healing Force in 1990. Featured at the National Storytelling Festival and the Bay Area Storytelling Festival, The Healing Force turns any performance into a celebration of African culture and spirit, where audience participation is a standard. www.thehealingforceonline.com



"Feel the rhythm! Embrace the spirit! The Healing Force is a rousing celebration of life." - The High Point Enterprise



CHRISTIE KEEGAN Christie's personal stories weave together the wonders of childhood, questions of adolescence and stark realities of adulthood. No matter the topic of the tale, audiences often claim the rhythm of her stories echoes their own experience. In addition to being entertaining, her hope is that this common bond increases our tolerance and understanding of ourselves and each other. With the same intent, she tells folk tales, myths and tall tales from many cultures - hoping the audience will hear what is common to us all as well as what makes each of us unique. Christie loves seeing the audience nodding and nudging each other, laughing and wiping their eyes. Then she can say "There, I've told a good story".

"Christie opens up her heart so you can see into your own" - School Teacher, Saratoga Springs, NY

TIM VAN EGMOND is a multi-talented storyteller, singer and musician who transports people to the wellspring of wisdom, humor, inspiration and renewal found in the traditions of multicultural tales and folk music. His engaging warmth and dynamic performance will by turns tickle your ribs, make your spine tingle, and warm your heart in an uplifting experience of enjoyment and enchantment. An accomplished hammered dulcimer player and dance caller, Tim has been selected by the Massachusetts Cultural Council for Residency Programs in Schools and its Touring Program.

www.timvanegmond.com



"Tim is a triple treat. He can sing, he can play a variety of wonderful instruments, and he can tell whopping good tales!" - Jane Yolen, renowned author and storyteller

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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Friday September 26—Sunday, September 28, 2008

Fri. 9/26/08	<i>First Parish Church</i>	Fri. 9/26/08	<i>First Parish Church</i>
7:30pm-8:30pm	Family Spooky Stories with Doris Smith, Lauretta Phillips, Magdalen Cantwell & Tim Van Egmond	9:00pm-10:30pm	Adult Ghost Stories with Joanne Piazzi, Libby Franck, Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi, Christie Keegan & Odds Bodkin

Sat. 9/27/08	<i>First Parish Church Family Events</i>	<i>Old Town Hall Adult Events</i>	<i>Town Common FREE Swapping Grounds</i>
10:00am-11:00am	Opening with Christie Keegan, Healing Force & Odds Bodkin		
10:30am-11:30pm			Swap with Tony Toledo
11:30am-12:30pm	The Normal Storyteller Michael Lockett	Bedford Tellers—Don Corey, Neil Couvé, John Dodge, Lee Yates with Doris Smith & Lani Peterson	Swap with Tony Toledo <i>Face Painting on the Common until 1:45pm</i>
12:30pm-1:30pm			Community Stage with The Healing Force
2:00pm-3:00pm	Odds Bodkin Family Concert <i>Special Event</i>	Michael Anderson	Swap with Tony Toledo
3:30pm-4:30pm	Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi	Christie Keegan	Swap with Tony Toledo
4:45pm-5:15pm			Traveling Tales Finale with Tony Toledo

Sat. Evening Adult Special Events	<i>JGMS Auditorium</i>	Sun. 9/28/08	<i>FREE Community Events</i>
7:00pm-8:00pm	Concert with Odds Bodkin	10:00am	First Parish Church Sunday Service—The Healing Force
8:30pm-10:30pm	Humorous Olio with Tim Van Egmond, Christie Keegan & The Healing Force	3:30pm-4:30pm	Bedford Free Public Library—Tim Van Egmond

TICKET PRICES

Event	BCA Member**	Early Bird** Until 9/19	Full Price
Family Spooky Stories or Adult Ghost Stories—Adult/Child-Senior	\$4/\$2.50	\$4.50/\$2.50	\$5/\$3
Saturday Day Pass—Adult/Child-Senior	\$13.50/\$8	\$15/\$9	\$17/\$10
Special Events—Odds Bodkin Family Concert; Adult Concert with Odds Bodkin OR Adult Humorous Olio—Adult/Child-Senior	\$9.50/\$6.50	\$10.75/\$7	\$12/\$8
Saturday Evening Combo—Adult Concert with Odds Bodkin AND Adult Humorous Olio—Adult/Child-Senior	\$14.50/ \$9.50	\$16/\$10.75	\$18/\$12

Saturday Day Pass - valid 10:00am-5:15pm including Odds Bodkin Family Concert, does not include evening events.

Children under 3 are free. Children ages 3-12. Senior age 62+

Individual Saturday Daytime performance tickets available at the Festival only.

All tickets are general admission seating.

***Early Bird & Member rates available until 9/19/08*

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NEW ENGLAND VOICES

Four diverse storytellers, selected based on their body of work, will perform throughout the Festival. Here's your opportunity to experience accomplished tellers from throughout New England and beyond.



Michael Anderson

MICHAEL ANDERSON is a First Amendment lawyer. He thinks: there's no such thing as free speech if you don't use it. After he takes off his tie, he talks to audiences in ways they don't allow in federal court. He has performed in venues from San Francisco to London.



Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi

LORRAINE HARTIN-GELARDI's eclectic mix of folktales, literary tales, myths and tall tales enables her to tell stories to all manner of audiences. Some stories make you laugh, others make you sigh and some cause you to gasp with wonder. Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi reaches into her bag of stories and pulls out a selection of wonder and fun-filled tales that will delight and amuse listeners of all ages. On Friday evening, Lorraine shares *Kate Culhane* a chilling tale of a woman, a man and a hand that reaches out from the grave. www.lorrainetells.com



Michael Lockett

DR. MICHAEL LOCKETT taught in Normal, Illinois for 21 years. All of his students from school came to think of him as the **Normal Storyteller**. A teller of traditional tales, Lockett specializes in audience participation stories. "I have more fun when audiences join in with the telling," says Lockett. www.mikelockett.com

TONY TOLEDO Come share a story on the Swapping Ground. Host/Emcee Tony Toledo will laugh at the funny parts, cry at the sad parts and listen all the way through. You can share a folk tale, or tell about the day your pants ripped. You can paint a word picture of your first dog or your last car. You can stretch the truth or shrink a lie. Stories are the threads that connect us. Stories are a mirror for our shared humanity. Aw heck he'll admit it – stories are just fun! When you've told your tale, Tony will give you a coin that'll give you good luck for the next year - a sort of metal thank you for sharing. www.tonytoledo.com



Tony Toledo

BEDFORD TELLERS

We are proud to present four Bedford storytellers who worked with coaches Doris Smith and Lani Peterson to create a special Saturday afternoon session of Bedford lore.



Lani Peterson

LANI PETERSON As both a storyteller and psychologist, Lani shares stories that guide listeners to see their world from new perspectives. Whether leading with traditional tales or her rich treasury of personal stories, Lani takes audiences on journeys of self-exploration that encourage personal reflection, integrity and the inspiration to fulfill one's potential. Lani's CD, "Stories from Within," won a 2004 honor from Storytelling World Magazine for her original story "Broken Glass." She lives in Andover, MA. www.leadershipstories.com



Doris Smith

DORIS SMITH As an elementary school librarian, storyteller and visual artist, Bedford's Doris Smith combines her special talents to develop local storytellers, to host the Spooky Stories and to tell the tale of the "The Witch of the Shawsheen." Doris recruited and coached the four Bedford tellers at this year's festival.

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BEDFORD TELLERS (con't)

DON COREY has been involved with Bedford town government since his arrival in 1965, including service as a Selectman and on the Planning Board. As a member of the Historical Society, he has given talks on Bedford's rich history to residents ranging from elementary school students to Society meetings to the Council on Aging and retirees at Carleton-Willard Village. Don is currently a member of the Historic Preservation Commission and a director of the Bedford Historical Society.
www.bedfordhistoricalsociety.org

NEIL COUVEÉ grew up in Bedford and is the co-owner of Chip-In Farm, Bedford's only farm stand. His quiet humor will delight you as he shares his stories about Bedford, farming in the suburbs and his egg adventures. www.chip-infarm.com

JOHN DODGE Bedford's Historian and life-long resident, John Dodge knows the stories of Bedford inside and out. He is a people person and likes to share the town's stories. Not only is he a historian, but also a renowned and talented artist. www.dodgeart.com

LEE YATES Alethea "Lee" Yates entered a historical event when the high-tech bubble burst in 2001 and took her job with it. Still reeling, she stumbled into a rewarding new career in the field of local history. She credits Toastmasters with her ability to talk to an audience and simultaneously enjoy it.
www.bedfordhistoricalsociety.org

SELECTED TELLERS

This year the Family Spooky Stories and the Adult Ghost Stories feature a short story performed by a LANES tellers. LANES, the League for the Advancement of New England Storytelling, is a membership organization whose purpose is to nurture family, community and professional storytelling throughout New England. Stop by the LANES table at the Festival Marketplace for more information about LANES and their storytelling members. We strive each year to showcase tellers you might not have seen before, as well as festival favorites.

MAGDALEN CANTWELL is a teacher, musician and storyteller. She entertains young and old with stories, songs and lore from her native Ireland.

LIBBY FRANCK has presented myths and folktales as well as stories of strong intrepid women at venues throughout New England and beyond. Her "ladies" include pirates, convicts, stagecoach robbers, a Colonial Cinderella and Dorothy Parker. She hosts The OutSpoken Word open mike series in Metro West and researches and tells local history stories for the Framingham Historical Society. At the Festival, Libby will share "Comore and Tryphyna – A Breton Legend" Libby found this story while searching for a Celtic Bluebeard. At her first telling, it was surrounded by a ballad sung in the haunting, mysterious Breton language. It does not end "happily ever after" but with "three saints and a werewolf" – a typical Brittany ending.
www.libbyfranck.com

LAURETTA PHILLIPS Since 1996, Laretta has been the creator, producer and host of "The Talking Stick," a radio program that promotes the oral traditions of storytelling at Colby-Sawyer College WSCS 90.9FM. Laretta is a founding member of the Central New Hampshire Storytelling Guild, a member of the Southern New Hampshire Storytelling Guild, a member of LANES, National Storytelling Network, and Co-founder and Chairperson of The Granite State Story Swap. Laretta conducted a workshop at the National Storytelling Conference in 2008 and will perform at the National Storytelling Festival in Oct, 2008. Laretta has released two CDs: with Cora Ciampi, "Sisters Too – Down the Path at Gramma's" and "My Gal Sal – Gets a Juk-A-Tuzy and Other Such Stories." Laretta lives in Andover, NH. At the Festival, Laretta will retell "Uncle Ned Kunkle." Uncle Ned lived on the tip top of Mount Baldy in a two room cabin with 14 other Kunkles. He was the laziest man known. None of the Kunkles fell far from that tree. The best thing they liked to eat was possum. Then Uncle Ned died and changed everything. www.lphillipstales.com



Don Corey



Neil Couvé



John Dodge



Lee Yates



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Laretta Phillips

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Joanne Piazzzi

JOANNE PIAZZI began her professional life as a seamstress, then became a teacher, then a storyteller. She is now a full-time reading teacher in a middle school, where the ability to whip up a costume and tell a good story really come in handy. She's a little like Paula Poundstone and a lot like Mary Poppins – practical and resourceful, but with a sense of humor. She currently serves on the LANES board as its vice president. At the Festival Joanne will tell “The Lingering Scent of Rosewater”, an original story set in the American west in the early 1900's. It tells of a store owner who succumbs to ambition and greed and gets his come-uppance in the form of madness and some very sharp thorns. www.cdbaby.com/cd/piazzijoanne



Simon Brooks

PREVIEW TOUR

In addition to some storytellers listed above, these Three Apples Storytelling Festival alumni appear as part of the Preview Tour.

SIMON BROOKS Born in Stroud, in the U.K., Simon came to the USA in 1994. He now lives in New Hampshire with his wife and children. Simon performs with energy and wit, captivating his audience with unique voices to animate characters, and with expressive body language which truly brings the stories to life. www.diamondscree.com



Nicolette Heavey

NICOLETTE HEAVEY known as *The StoryWeaver*, weaves together stories that were told to her with stories she imagines. Since 2001, Nicolette has been inspiring children to listen through her energetic and playful tellings. Nicolette lived a “storied” childhood traveling around Europe and the Middle East. Accents and gestures from this past texture her stories and delight her young audiences. Nicolette is the approved storyteller for Bright Horizons childcare centers and was a featured storyteller at the 2003 Boston Globe Children's Book Fair.



Doria Hughes

DORIA HUGHES delights in telling and reading stories to children and their families. She particularly enjoys sharing folktales, myths and legends from a vast array of world narrative traditions and is known for her animal sound effects. Doria lives in Cambridge, MA. www.doriastories.com

JIM LACHAPELLE Jim LaChapelle sparks the imagination with a myriad of spoken word, movement, and character voices as he shares folklore from around the world. Jim has been telling stories for over a dozen years to young and old alike. He specializes in folk and fairy tales from around the world, from East Asia, to the Philippines, Africa, and back to North America. Jim tells tales appropriate for age 2 (The Name of the Tree) up through to adulthood (The Heartless Giant) and will tailor his program to the needs of his audience. Jim is a teacher and lives in Wilmington, MA. www.jimthestoryteller.com



Jim LaChapelle

TIM SESTON As a high-school teacher, Tim learned to tell stories to enhance the learning experience of his students. He writes original stories and songs to perform for children of all ages. To entertain his audience, he uses a combination of clever rhymes, music and good old fashioned storytelling excitement. But what makes the performance unique is Tim's ability to take the material “From Page to Play.” Tim performs at Birthday Parties for children age 2-10 years old. He even writes a new story for each boy or girl. Tim has a great time performing for town events, at libraries, local businesses or for community play groups. Tim provides regular music, writing and/or storytelling classes for toddlers, pre-schoolers and school-aged children. He lives in Concord, MA. www.frompagetoplay.com



Tim Seston

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MUSIC & STORYTELLING FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS



Community Stage with The Healing Force Saturday, September 27, 2008 12:30pm-1:30pm

As storytellers, musicians and craftsman, The Healing Force demonstrates that music, storytelling and dance are vital to life in African culture and are integral to every major life event. They always weave music into their stories and feel in this way are being true to the art.

Oral African storytelling is a communal participatory experience. The Healing Force will create a drumming circle and engage the audience with participation in every aspect of their performance. Their authentic representation of African stories and folktales comes from travels in Nigeria and Ghana and learning from master artists.



First Parish Church Service featuring The Healing Force Sunday, September 28, 2008 10:00am

*Sponsored by the First Parish
Church*

The Healing Force will enhance the service with African praise music, original spiritual songs and storytelling with a spiritual message.



Tim Van Egmond at the Bedford Free Public Library Sunday, September 28, 2008—3:30pm-4:30pm *Sponsored by the Friends of the Bedford Free Public Library*

Tim Van Egmond weaves together tales, tunes and songs — from the rib-tickling to the heartwarming. Music flows in and around Tim's stories through his singing and playing on a wide variety of instruments, including hammered and mountain dulcimer, guitar, conga drum and limberjack. His dramatic use of voice and movement bring stories vividly to life, and his gift of encouraging participation makes for a high-spirited and engaging program.

Tim is an accomplished hammer dulcimer player, craftsman and dance caller. As a member of the contra dance band Swallowtail, he has performed on NPR's *Prairie Home Companion* and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History. Tim has been recognized by the Massachusetts Cultural Council for its Residency in the Schools Program and Touring Roster.

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*Many thanks to over 70
volunteers who make the Festival a success!*

**Take Your
Favorites Home With You!**

**Enter to Win a
Basket Full of
Stories.**

**1 ticket for \$2
3 tickets for \$5**

All proceeds benefit the Festival.

Time to Join Girl Scouts!

- ◆ Stop by the Girl Scout booth on the Town Common from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, Sept. 27 to talk with Girl Scout leaders about the current program and how you and your daughter can become involved in a troop.
- ◆ Listen to Girl Scout stories about Juliette Low and the Brownies, and do a craft or two while learning all about Girl Scouting in Bedford.
- ◆ Girl Scouts is not just about the three C's (cookies, camping and crafts), now we are developing girls of courage, confidence and character.

Girl Scouts is open to girls ages 5-17.

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