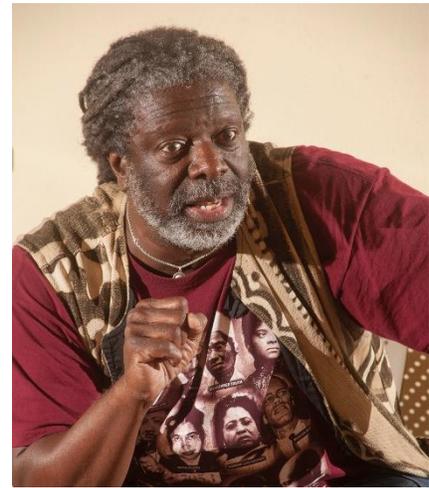


Tellers of the San Diego Storytelling Festival 2019

Featuring

Michael D. McCarty

Some of life's funkiest experiences make some of the best stories. Professional storyteller Michael D. McCarty has had a funk filled life and he shares his stories with intensity, humor and goo gobs of enthusiasm. His motto is, "Have Mouth. Will Run It!" And that's the truth.



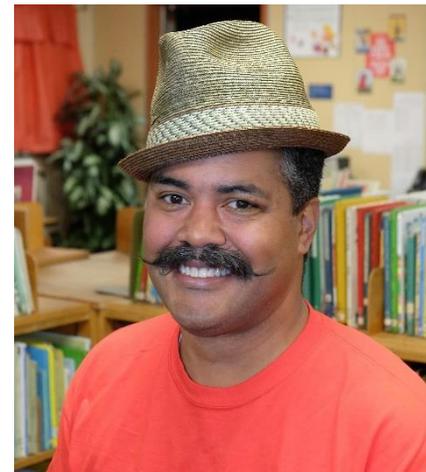
Linda King Pruitt

Linda was raised on tall tales from her father, Native American stories from her Choctaw grandmother, and folk and fairy tales from her mother.

She was a resident artist with Pacific Symphony's Class Act, and Fullerton's All the Arts for All the Kids for 19 years, and currently works with Arts in Corrections helping inmates find, shape, and tell their stories.

Fredome Bradley-Ballentine

As the first Director of Arts Engagement for The Old Globe, Fredome leads the development of this vital department. He has developed a host of new programs and reimagined legacy programs for this venerable arts organization. The research and development garnered through his department facilitate the creation of experiences that further the Globe's commitment of making art that matters, placing this organization at the center of the community.



Dave Drexler

A trusted broadcast professional for more than 30 years, Emmy-winning Dave Drexler is one of San Diego's best-known voice-over talents, on-camera presenters and media writer/producers. Dave is the Director of Drexler Media, a professor at San Diego City College and Palomar College, and is the Producer/Director of the 'Jazz Live' Series on KSDS. When not immersed in some sort of audio, Dave enjoys world travel and is the host of 'Inside Art', heard every Sunday morning at 9:30 on KSDS.

**Josh Callaway**

Joshua Callaway served 15 years in the US Army as an airborne infantryman. He fought in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He medically retired in 2014 and now lives in San Diego with his wife and 3 boys.

**Patti Christensen**

Patti Christensen creates a magical program for all ages, enjoying the enthusiasm of rollicking fun stories and songs with plenty of participation. From fun to serious, inspirational to instructional, Patti brings her whole self to sharing stories. She works in many different venues and is a favorite as a keynote and at birthday and holiday parties.

**Jim Dieckmann**

Jim Dieckmann has been involved with the Storytellers of San Diego since the early 1980's, and has told in schools, museums, nature centers and on the main stage at storytelling festivals. He enjoys the wonders of the natural world and tells folk tales and original stories about the sea, the sky, the Earth and the creatures that live there.



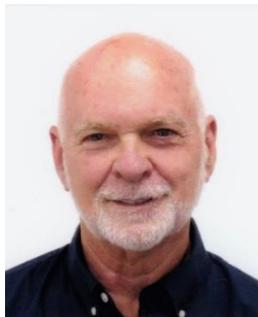
Mindy Donner

Mindy spun her first public tale as a Waldorf Teacher long ago. Since 1986, she continues to spin tales with her music and storytelling duo, Spinning Wheel Players. A highlight was partnering with children's book author, the late Gerald McDermott, in San Diego performances in collaboration with San Diego Guild of Puppetry. Currently she is a teaching artist and performer, writing plays for actors and puppets in her spare time.



Harlynn Geisler

Harlynn Geisler, original founder of the Storytellers of San Diego, has been a professional freelance storyteller since 1980. She has published a book and many articles on storytelling and is listed in Who's Who in Entertainment. For twenty-five years, she edited a popular storytelling newsletter and has been the resident storyteller for both the San Diego Museum of Art and the Timken Art Museum and a regular columnist for the Laugh Makers Magazine.



Arlyn Hackett

Arlyn Hackett tells stories that may make you hungry when you hear them. He is a storyteller, chef, food historian, writer and culinary educator. His stories often draw on his knowledge of food history and his passion for the imagery and symbolism of food. Arlyn tells stories that range from personal experiences, tales drawn from historical events, contemporary revisions of classic folk tales, and gentle satires on political and social events.



Mary Holma

Mary Holma, teller of tales, delights in tickling your 'funny bone' with stories of humor. Her menu also includes a smorgasbord of other enjoyable tales of a little of this and a bit of that, always carrying a poem in her pocket and a song in her heart.



Fred Laskowski

Fred Laskowski loves to tell stories from around the world, from folk tales to true tales. He especially likes to tell stories of magic, mystery, and transforming power. His program of stories of peace and non-violence in a tumultuous world is particularly relevant today.



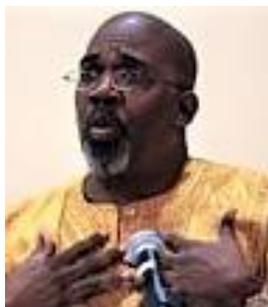
Aunt Li-Anne

Aunt Li-Anne has been a professional Storyteller and Actor for more than 20 years. She loves performing for all ages from pre-school to adults and has taught in residencies and workshops through Arts for Learning San Diego, the Encinitas School District and the Storytellers of San Diego Storytelling Institute right here at the Encinitas Library. Aunt Li-Anne is a State Liaison for the National Storytelling Network, a proud member of San Diego Performing Arts League, and has presented nationally for the Healing Story Alliance.



Marilyn McPhie

Marilyn McPhie has been a professional storyteller since 1985, performing at schools, libraries, bookstores, museums, corporate and private events, and festivals around the country, including the Exchange Place at the National Storytelling Festival.



OJ Mozon, Jr.

Ollis Jon (OJ) Mozon, Jr. loves to tell stories that energize hope, encourage faith, exude love and enlighten minds. While serving as a Navy chaplain he discovered the joys of storytelling. Over the years he has shared his expanding repertoire of Bible stories, folktales, myths, legends and historical vignettes for community and cultural festivals, churches, and historical presentations around the world, including the Swansboro, NC Coastal Storytelling Festival.



David Schmidt

David is an author, professional storyteller, and multilingual translator who splits his time between San Diego and Mexico City. He speaks nine languages and has been to 29 countries. He has collected folklore and strange stories around the world, from the remote mountains of southern Mexico to the jungles of Peru, from Ireland's pubs to Egypt's City of the Dead, and is the author of "Holy Ghosts: True Tales from a Haunted Christian College," a collection of ghost stories from San Diego's Point Loma Nazarene University.



Eric George Tauber

Eric George Tauber is a multi-talented storyteller, actor, writer, singer, mime and puppeteer. He has crafted some "Haunted Tales from the Ship" about ghosts and pirates aboard the Star of India. He has also traveled nationally presenting Merlin and Mozart with the children's theatre, Traveling Lantern. He portrays Sholem Aleichem "the Jewish Mark Twain" in the Literary Salon for San Diego's annual Twainfest. Eric is currently the Youth Outreach Director with the Oceanside Theatre Company and he writes for San Diego Jewish World.

