

Youthful Voices Competition

Sponsored by The Storytelling Festival of Carolina

Storytelling – the oldest form of communication - is enjoying a great resurgence and we know that teaching it to young people can best ensure the future of the art. To that end, the Storytelling Festival of Carolina (<http://www.sfoc.info>) will include a Youthful Voices Competition as part of the second annual festival, which will be held in Laurinburg, NC on April 26 and 27, 2008. This is a call to all young storytellers in the Carolinas. The Storytelling Festival of Carolina invites you to audition to be one of up to eight young people selected to perform a story at our festival in April. Youth tellers will share the stage with some of the most highly acclaimed professional tellers in the country as well as several talented regional and local tellers.

Who may compete?

- Tellers must be 17 years old or younger at the time of the festival.
- Students may be in public, private and home schools in North or South Carolina.
- A panel of judges will select up to eight student tellers.
- Tellers must be able to attend the Storytelling Festival of Carolina, April 26-27, 2008.

How will tellers be selected?

Step 1: Send Commitment to Audition Form by email or US mail by March 3, 2008.

Step 2: There are two ways to audition – in person or by video tape/DVD

- Live auditions will be held at the Laurinburg Presbyterian Church at 600 W. Church St. in Laurinburg on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- Videotapes or DVD's must be received on or before Friday, March 7.

How will I know if I'm chosen to tell at the festival?

The Storytelling Festival of Carolina committee will notify those selected to tell at the festival by phone and/or email on or before Friday, March 14. Winners will tell their stories at the Storytelling Festival of Carolina April 26-27, 2008.

Choosing a Story

- The stories must be between five and 10 minutes in length.

If the story is not in the public domain, tellers must get the author's/publisher's permission prior to auditioning or submitting a videotape/DVD. This may be done by writing a letter with wording such as – "I am auditioning to tell a story at the Storytelling Festival of Carolina in April, 2008. I am requesting permission to tell (Story Title) by (Author of the Story) at the festival, if I am chosen. Thank you for responding to this request at your earliest convenience." This may take several months, so send the request early.