

## Call for Stories

**Rocky Mountain Storytelling and Longmont Museum & Cultural Center**

**The Living and the Dead: Performances of Oral Storytelling**

October 18 10:30 am and October 25 7:15 pm, 2018, Longmont, CO

**Submissions due 8/31/2018 midnight to [Stories@YHealy.com](mailto:Stories@YHealy.com)**

**Rocky Mountain Storytelling** [www.rmstory.org](http://www.rmstory.org) in collaboration with **Longmont Museum** will present two oral storytelling performances to celebrate **Día de los Muertos on October 18, 2018 and October 25, 2018**. The events are part of the Museum's annual month-long signature exhibition and promises to be, again this year, the largest **Day of the Dead** celebration in Colorado. Events take place at Longmont Museum Auditorium, 400 Quail Road, Longmont, CO 80501.

### **Theme**

Traditionally, **el Día de los Muertos** is celebrated to acknowledge the brevity of life and to help deceased loved ones in their mystical journey. People of all cultures honor those who have died; this storytelling event hopes to illuminate how different cultures approach death in celebration, mourning, and remembrance.

### **Programs**

One 45-minute school program will be performed to grades 6-12 on October 18<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am; one 90-minute story concert for adults and teens will be performed on October 25<sup>th</sup> 7:15 pm. Chosen artists must participate in sound check 45 minutes before performance. A bilingual Hispanic story will be chosen as well as personal or traditional stories from around the world. \*Stories will be performed without notes. \* Music may be included in the story.

### **Compensation**

Storytellers will be paid for their work at a rate of \$100 school show/\$150 adult show. Performers with extended travel will be offered free lodging, possibly in private homes, and ground transportation from Denver.

**Proposal Outline:** Submit the following information within or attached to your email to [Stories@YHealy.com](mailto:Stories@YHealy.com).

#### **1) Contact Information:**

- a) Name
- a) Addresses (email and street)
- b) Phone number
- c) Indicate your membership status in Rocky Mountain Storytellers. Members are given priority. Info about membership: [www.rmstory.org](http://www.rmstory.org)

#### **2) Story(s):**

- a) Choose your best story(s) on theme. Submit the title(s) of one or two stories. Give time for each story; maximum length is 5-30 minutes.
- b) Indicate permission to tell the story if this is not your original work.
- c) Identify the cultural background of the tale(s).
- d) Characterize each story in terms of **mood** and **type** i.e., humorous, touching, inspiring/personal, historical, traditional, tall tale, etc.
- e) Indicate your program preference (October 18<sup>th</sup> school and/or 25<sup>th</sup> adult.)
- f) Submit a recording of the entire story (written, audio or video.) The evaluators will choose stories which best complement each other, the theme and the audience.

#### **3) Performance skills:**

- a) Submit a 5+ minute video of you telling *any* story without notes to determine performance skills.
- b) This video does not need to be the story submitted for the concerts. Recording quality is not judged.

#### **4) Recording format:**

- a) MP3, Windows Media, or MP4 format
- b) YouTube/Vimeo link
- c) CD/DVD shipped to Yvonne Healy 100 Park Ave West, Apt 1202 Denver 80205

#### **5) Performer Info:** Bio (max. 50 words) and Headshot/or Torso pic (jpg or digital file) for use in event publications.

Questions? Email [Stories@YHealy.com](mailto:Stories@YHealy.com), phone 810-813-3000 or visit [RMStory.org](http://RMStory.org)