

PROGRAMS & HANDOUTS

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- 2004: The Asian Voices Day and Storytelling Concert with storytelling duo Eth-Noh-Tec. This event celebrated the pains and joys of Asian-American journeys and lives. A Vietnamese storytelling workshop was held in connection with this day of learning, celebration and story-creation.
- 2005: New York storyteller Gerald Fierst was supported by a JustStories Fellowship to develop his Jewish-centered stories as part of the ongoing *More Alike Than Not* storytelling project.
- 2005: *More Alike Than Not: Stories from Three Americans - Catholic, Jewish & Muslim* - storytelling performance piece written and performed by Gerald Fierst, Susan O'Halloran and Arif Choudhury was presented at the JustStories Festival. Also performed at this event was *Towards A New Land: A Contemporary Vietnamese Diaspora*.
- 2005-06: A schools-version of the *More Alike Than Not* project was further developed by Susan O'Halloran and is now being performed at schools in the Chicagoland area.
- 2005: Mexican American storyteller Olga Loya was commissioned to write and perform her story *Between Two Worlds*. This story is being performed at the JustStories Festival.
- We welcome and thank the Interfaith Relations Commission for its support of the JustStories Festival.
- We...

Sunday
April 23,
2006

Divine Word
International
Conference Center
Techny, IL

4th Techny juststories Storytelling Festival

PROGRAM

9am - 11:30am: ROOM 408
**CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO WORLDS:
THE LATINO SEARCH FOR HOME**
Storytellers Olga Loya & Antonio Sacre

9am - 11:30am: ROOM 407
BRIDGEBUILDING FOR A SHRINKING WORLD
Storyteller & Diversity Educator Susan O'Halloran with high school students

11:30am - 1:30pm
BRIDGEBUILDER AWARD BRUNCH
During the festival brunch, Rabbi Robert Marx will be presented with the 2006 BridgeBuilder Award. He will be honored for his life's work of fostering cooperation among people and institutions of all races and faiths.
Brunch will begin at 11:30am
Award Presentation will begin at approximately 12:45pm

1:30pm - 2:00pm
Gather in Lower Level, Main Entrance or Front Lawn
PEACE POLE REDEDICATION CEREMONY
Join the community as we rededicate the Northbrook-Techny Peace Pole bearing in many languages the message: *Let Peace Prevail on Earth*. A common celebration of hope

2:30pm - 4:00pm: Room 408
TRIBES & BRIDGES
Dividing Lines and Race: Seeking the porch where we all can gather
Storytelling Performance with African American LaRon Williams, Irish-American Susan O'Halloran and Cuban-American Antonio Sacre

4:15pm - 5:30pm
**END OF THE DAY CONCERT:
TRYING TO GET HOME**
Arif Choudhury joins Olga Loya, Antonio Sacre, Susan O'Halloran and LaRon Williams

Searching for Home

A day dedicated to helping us see and hear each other
When we see and hear each other, we can value each other
When we know someone else's story, it's easier to respect, appreciate and understand



... stories of diversity . . . Discovering the stories of human connection

juststories storytelling conference & festival



Featuring
Susan O'Halloran
Antonio Sacre

WHO I AM IS MORE THAN YOU CAN SEE

juststories Storytelling Festival

Join storytellers Arif Choudhury,
Olga Loya, Antonio Sacre,
Susan O'Halloran, and
LaRon Williams!

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6th Techny **juststories** Storytelling Festival Saturday, April 5, 2008

PROGRAM

HANDING ON THE STORIES TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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When we know someone else's story, it's easier to accept, appreciate and understand them

FEATURING STORYTELLERS:
Brenda Wong Aoki, Motoko, Eshu Bumpus, Arif Choudhury,
Michael McCarty, Susan O'Halloran

Hearing the rich stories of diversity ... Discovering the
Techny Towers Conference Center • Tech

2008 BridgeBuilder Award

The awards will be presented during Lunch on the Lower Level. Lunch begins at Noon. Please bring your Admission Ticket to the Lunch.

The BridgeBuilder Award recognizes the outstanding service of individuals who have built bridges of dialog, cooperation and understanding between diverse groups and communities who work, attend school or live in the northern suburbs of Chicago.

The Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word is honored to present the 2008 BridgeBuilder Award to nine outstanding high school students who, through their actions and energies have begun to make a difference in our world in building bridges of understanding and hope.

The BridgeBuilder Award honorees are from schools in and around the Northbrook, IL area.

2008 BridgeBuilder Award Honorees

Margaret-Ana Ferrell Glenbrook North High School Glenview, IL	Eric Sexton Glenbrook South School Northbrook, IL
Claire Tighe Loyola Academy Wilmette, IL	Sandra Siegel Glenbrook Evening School Northbrook, IL
Chamekwa Wannariya New Trier High School Wilmette, IL	Lisa Dui Northshore Country Day School Wilmette, IL
Kenan Madhubala The Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago Northbrook, IL	Rosie Kilian Chicago Jewish High School Darien, IL
	Claire Kaufman Regina Dominican High School Wilmette, IL

The following are the award recipients:
 • 2005: New York storyteller Gerald Ferst was supported by a JustStories Fellowship to develop his Jewish-oriented stories as part of the ongoing More Allie Than Me storytelling project.
 • 2005: More Allie Than Me: Stories from Three Americas - Catholic, Jewish and Muslim - a storytelling performance written and performed by Gerald Ferst, Susan O'Halloran and Arif Choudhury was presented at the JustStories Festival. Also presented at this event: Towards a New Land - A Commemoration of the Vietnamese Diaspora.
 • 2005: Mexican-American storyteller Olga Lopez was commissioned to write and perform her story about her search for identity: *Mujeres Between Two Worlds*.
 • 2006: Olga Lopez presented her story at the JustStories Festival. This event brought together the talents of storytellers LaRon Williams, Susan O'Halloran, Antonio Sacre and Arif Choudhury under the theme: *Searching for Home*.
 • 2006-08: A school-version of the More Allie Than Me project was further developed by Arif Choudhury and Susan O'Halloran. This story-performance continues to engage and delight school students of many ages from Middle School through College age. Renowned Jewish storyteller Syd Leberman has also joined the More Allie Than Me outreach.
 • 2007: Northbrook resident Arif Choudhury was commissioned with a JustStories Fellowship to develop and perform his new story *My Real Home*. It premiered at the 2007 festival.
 • 2007: The JustStories Festival gathered storytellers Antonio Sacre, Susan O'Halloran, Arlene Ross, Anne Shoenberger and Michael McCarty, Michael will premiere his new story *Connecting the Dots* at this festival.
 • 2008: The 2008 JustStories Follow is Los Angeles storyteller Michael McCarty. Michael will premiere his new story *Connecting the Dots* at this festival.

The stories created under the JustStories Fellowship continue to be told—in forms long and short—in festivals, schools and events, for young and old across the U.S. and overseas.

JustStories is an ongoing initiative of Angels Studio/Chicago and O'Halloran Communications/Elmhurst, IL.
 Information: www.racebridges.net

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This project also includes a JustStories Fellowship that supports professional storytellers in developing, writing and reading for performance their own original story about race relations, belonging and inclusive themes.

- 2002: The multi-ethnic performance *Tribes & Bridges* with storytellers Susan O'Halloran, Antonio Sacre and LaRon Williams was developed and staged. This performance piece has toured throughout the Midwest and is in a DVD form: *Tribes & Bridges* at the Steppenwolf Theatre.
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- 2005: Gayle Ross of the Cherokee Nation received support from the JustStories Fellowship in completing her story about her ancestors: *Inside the Beaded Beltway* Stories of American Indian Ambassadors.

Dear Students:
 We honor you for your words and deeds as a "writer" and "connector".
 You have enlarged your own horizons and those of others.
 You broaden our horizons also.
 You are making a difference as you seek to build bridges of understanding between people.
 Thank you for being a BridgeBuilder!
 With your story you inspire us.
 You enrich us.
 You enrich our communities and our world.
 You give us hope.
 May your light shine.

Presenting the awards is Father Mark Weber SVD,
 Provincial of the Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word.
 Members of the Northbrook Human Relations Commission will also present a gift to each of our BridgeBuilder Award winners.

Many thanks to Teacher Mr. Jerome Haynes of GBN High School who helped coordinate the outreach for this BridgeBuilder Award Project.

Further information about the BridgeBuilder Award and past honorees go to: www.racebridges.net

RaceBridges is a companion project to JustStories. Go to www.racebridges.net/schools for free, downloadable Lesson Plans for high school students on a variety of diversity themes.