

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK STORYTELLERS INC.

Presents

“In the Tradition...”

41st ANNUAL NATIONAL BLACK STORYTELLING FESTIVAL AND CONFERENCE

“Telling Our Stories From The Mountaintops”

November 8 - 12, 2023

Salt Lake City, Utah

CALL FOR TELLERS & WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

We are now accepting submissions for Featured Tellers & Workshop Presenters for the **41st Annual National Black Storytelling Festival & Conference** being presented November 8 - 12, 2023 in Salt Lake City, Utah and Co-Hosted by Nubian Storytellers of Utah Leadership (NSOUL)! Below are the guidelines on how to submit for **Featured Teller** or **Workshop Presenter**. You must be a current member of NABS to apply for Featured Teller OR Workshop Presenter.

Featured Tellers

Featured Tellers will be selected for one or more storytelling concerts and should represent the finest in BlackStorytelling world! We invite you to help us continue our tradition! This year, we want to highlight and focus on “Stories Our Ancestors Told.”

Priority will be given to:

- * **Folktales and/or traditional African & African American stories**
- * **Featured Teller applicants who have NOT been featured at NABS**
- * **Youth Tellers**
- * **Visual representation of your work via ZOOM**
- * **Unique and energetic tellers!**

Your Submission Checklist...

- _____ Complete Application including the Cover Sheet completely filled out
- _____ Evidence of your work; URL Links (preferred)
- _____ Promotional Package (*optional*)
- _____ Photograph - 300 dpi jpeg/png - Color preferred or Black & White Glossy
- _____ THREE references with contact information (ONE **must** be a storyteller)
- _____ Your Bibliography (published books, articles, recordings, etc.) **2-page limit**
- _____ Biography for publication 50-words or less (*will be used if selected*)

* **Applications must be transmitted and received no later than midnight, Sunday, May 14, 2023....**ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!****

* **Email submissions to all four members of the Selection Committee:**

Dr. Caroliese Frink Reed afamstorytellers@gmail.com

Keesha Dixon kdixon@asanteartinstitute.org

Charlotte Starks charstarks@comcast.net

Dylan Pritchett aesop@widomaker.com

HELPFUL HINTS

- * Application and submission materials must be submitted in ONE complete email.
- * *Multiple emails will not be accepted.*
- * Send only what is listed on the submission list.
- * Remember there is no need to send a video since a ZOOM meeting will occur for you to apply. If you wish to submit a URL include only **ONE** example with your application.

Workshop Presenters

NABS is looking for experienced professionals who currently conduct specialized workshops. Successful workshop submissions will demonstrate your ability to execute dynamic and relevant presentations.

We are looking for, but not limited to, workshops that discuss:

- * Using Blackstorytelling in health, fitness and/or non-traditional venues.
- * Skills for the beginner, novice and professional teller
- * Crafting a story with traditional cultural themes and characters
- * The business or commercial component of professional storytelling
- * Workshops specially designed for youth
- * Organizing Blackstorytelling events in the community, jails, parks, libraries, etc.
- * Spoken Word and BlackStorytelling

Your Submission Checklist...

- _____ Complete Application including the Cover Sheet completely filled out
- _____ One-page workshop description with title, length, objectives, tech needs and intended audience (general, youth)
- _____ Photograph (High Resolution, 300 dpi, jpeg/png: Color or Black & White)
- _____ Promotional Package (*optional*)
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*** Questions should be directed to Dylan Pritchett (Festival Director) at (757) 561-6658**