


SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

	Courthouse Tent	Tent on the Hill	Creekside Tent	College Street Tent	Library Tent*	Storytelling Theatre
10:00–11:00	Diane Ferlatte Donald Davis	Regi Carpenter Willy Claflin	Mitch Capel Anne Rutherford	Bil Lepp Lipbone Redding	FAMILY TENT Dovie Thomason Mo Reynolds	FRIDAY • 1 PM • CREEKSIDE TENT Dovie Thomason · <i>Silent Spring: A Remembrance of Rachel Carson, Pandemics, Extinctions, Birds and Hope</i> · An honoring and revisiting of Carson's book, Silent Spring, and her influence on how we view and interact with all life on Earth.
11:30–12:30	April Armstrong Tim Lowry	Sheila Arnold Mitch Capel	Adam Booth Regi Carpenter	Sufian Zhemukhov Corinne Stavish	FAMILY TENT Alton Chung Diane Ferlatte	
1:00–2:00	Tim Ereneta Bil Lepp		Dovie Thomason <i>Silent Spring</i> <i>See description at right</i>	Mo Reynolds Donald Davis	FAMILY TENT Anne Rutherford Willy Claflin	FRIDAY • 4 PM • COLLEGE STREET TENT Sheila Arnold & Adam Booth · <i>Rework</i> · Since 2015, Adam Booth and Sheila Arnold annually "rework" a fairy tale or folk tale. Hear some of these stories in this special session, and try to identify their origins.
2:30–3:30	Corinne Stavish Willy Claflin	Mo Reynolds Alton Chung	Sheila Arnold Tim Ereneta	Lipbone Redding Tim Lowry	FAMILY TENT April Armstrong Donald Davis	
4:00–5:00	Sufian Zhemukhov Bil Lepp	Anne Rutherford Tim Lowry	Corinne Stavish Alton Chung	Sheila Arnold Adam Booth <i>Rework</i> <i>See description at right</i>	FAMILY TENT Regi Carpenter Mitch Capel	JACKSON THEATRE LEGACY SERIES John Borling <i>Taps on the Walls</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
5:30–7:00			EXCHANGE PLACE • College St. Tent • 5:30 pm James Froemel, Regina Stoops, Kelly Campos, Annie McGreevey, Jim Lloyd, Brandon Leake See description p. 8			SATURDAY • 10 AM • TENT ON THE HILL Tim Ereneta · <i>Land of Heroes, Land of Fools</i> In the frozen forests of the far north, reckless rogues and singing sorcerers seek their fortune—though not all succeed. Join Tim for stories from Finnish folklore featuring epic tales of heroes and hags, treasures and tragedy, and mischief mingled with magic. Ages 12 and up.
7:30	OLIO Diane Ferlatte Lipbone Redding Tim Ereneta Willy Claflin Mo Reynolds Mitch Capel Regi Carpenter Donald Davis	Location: Mill Spring Park Ghost Stories 7:30 pm Megan Wells Janice Del Negro April Armstrong Alton Chung Anne Rutherford Separate ticket required	OLIO Mitch Capel Mo Reynolds Regi Carpenter Donald Davis Lipbone Redding Diane Ferlatte Tim Ereneta Willy Claflin	OLIO Adam Booth Anne Rutherford Sheila Arnold Sufian Zhemukhov Bil Lepp Dovie Thomason Corinne Stavish Tim Lowry	OLIO April Armstrong Alton Chung Corinne Stavish Adam Booth Tim Lowry Sheila Arnold Sufian Zhemukhov Bil Lepp	
9:30			AFTER HOURS • Jackson Theatre • 9:30 pm Kevin Kling and Simone Perrin Separate ticket required; see description p. 6			SATURDAY • 10 AM • CREEKSIDE TENT Mitch Capel · <i>LMAO Some More!</i> · Explore how we're more similar than different through comedy. As Steve Harvey once said of Capel: "That man right there was funny."
						SATURDAY • 10 AM • COLLEGE STREET TENT Sheila Arnold · <i>CAUGHT!</i> · The stories of the Underground Railroad are filled with those who made daring escapes in order to reach freedom. Hear what happened to some who were caught, and whose fates varied widely.
						SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • TENT ON THE HILL Sufian Zhemukhov · <i>Taboo Stories: A New Take on Topics We Usually Avoid</i> · This show boldly takes on the conversations we usually avoid. Ladies and gentlemen, put on your crash helmets, buckle up, and enjoy a wild ride through forbidden topics! As a soothing interlude along the way: Debussy's Clair de Lune on classical guitar.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

	Courthouse Tent	Tent on the Hill	Creekside Tent	College Street Tent	Library Tent*	Storytelling Theatre
10:00–11:00	Willy Claflin <i>Strange Voices</i> See description on p. 14	Tim Ereneta <i>Land of Heros, Land of Fools</i> Ages 12 and up See description on p. 14	Mitch Capel <i>LMAO Some More!</i> See description on p. 14	Sheila Arnold <i>CAUGHT!</i> See description on p. 14	Donald Davis <i>Stories That Feel Like Family</i> Tales of love and laughter – and the ties that make us who we are.	JACKSON THEATRE Carmen Deedy <i>The Peanut Man</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
11:30–12:30	Diane Ferlatte <i>What a Wonderful World</i> Stories of hope, optimism, and appreciation for the little blessings in life.	Sufian Zhemukhov <i>Taboo Stories: A New Take on Topics We Usually Avoid</i> See description on p. 14	Alton Chung <i>Remembrance & Redemption: Little Known Stories of WWII</i> See description at right	Corinne Stavish <i>No Surrender: Springsteen, Dachau, and the White Rose</i> Ages 12 and up See description at right	Tim Lowry <i>Thomas Edison and You: Two Great Americans</i> See description at right	ISC THEATRE <i>The Heron's Journey</i> Adam Booth Free with Festival swatch See description at right
1:00–2:00	Bil Lepp <i>Ghost Box Derby and Other New Stuff</i> See description at right	Mitch Capel <i>Our Untold Stories</i> See description at right	Anne Rutherford <i>New Wild-West Adventures with Clementine Ryder</i> See description at right	Lipbone Redding <i>Porch Songs & Other Adventures</i> See description at right	Regi Carpenter <i>Welcome to Motherhood</i> Think it's all hugs and kisses? Let Regi tell you the real story!	JACKSON THEATRE STORYTELLING STUDIO Donald Davis <i>Everything – Plus the Truth!</i> Separate ticket required See description p. 6
2:30–3:30	Donald Davis <i>How They Linger: Stories of Unforgettable Souls</i> Stories that remind us how deeply people can shape our memories long after they're gone.	Mo Reynolds <i>Rolling Stones: Stories of Change</i> See description on p. 16	Sheila Arnold <i>I'm Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired!</i> See description on p. 16	Adam Booth <i>Mr. Patches</i> Hear about a mesmerizing school storyteller with a secret past in this story set in the 1990's in Appalachia. Ages 12 and up	Willy Claflin/Dovie Thomason <i>A Space Oddity</i> 80 minutes See description on p. 16	JACKSON THEATRE LEGACY SERIES John Borling <i>Taps on the Walls</i> Ticket required See description p. 6
4:00–5:00	Tim Lowry <i>Haa'ty Wilcum tuh Oonah (There is a welcome here!)</i> See description on p. 16	April Armstrong <i>Two Wings to Heaven: the Bessie Coleman Story</i> See description on p. 16		Bil Lepp <i>Whimsey & Izzy's Used Boots, Coffins and Sometimes Coffee</i> New tales from Half Dollar, WV with Paul Strickland.		
5:30–6:30			 Creekside Tent • 5:30 Unfinished Business See description on p. 7		YARNSPINNERS' PARTY Mary B. Martin Storytelling Hall • 5 to 7 Separate ticket required; see description p. 5	
7:30	Comedy Central Regi Carpenter Mitch Capel Anne Rutherford Bil Lepp	Location: Mill Spring Park Ghost Stories 7:30 pm Sheila Arnold Megan Wells Tim Lowry Janice Del Negro Adam Booth Separate ticket required		<i>Out of Time: Folk Tales, Myths, and Legends</i> Mo Reynolds Alton Chung Tim Ereneta Diane Ferlatte		
9:30			AFTER HOURS • Jackson Theatre • 9:30 pm Kevin Kling and Simone Perrin Separate ticket required; see description p. 6			

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • CREEKSIDE TENT
Alton Chung • *Remembrance & Redemption: Little Known Stories of WWII* - Hear the story of Ben Kuroki, the only Japanese American to fly in both Europe and the Pacific during WWII; the unlikely Christmas truce in 1945; and the Bugler on a battleship in Pearl Harbor reconciles with a Japanese pilot who took part in the raid, 50 years later.

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Corinne Stavish • *No Surrender: Springsteen, Dachau and The White Rose* - A family trip to a Springsteen concert in Vienna in 2023 blends his lyrics with the story of a great-uncle imprisoned at Dachau and the courage of Munich college students who stood up to Hitler. Ages 12 and up.

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • LIBRARY TENT
Tim Lowry • *Thomas Edison and You: Two Great Americans* - Stories from the childhood and early adult life of America's great inventor. Perfect for intergenerational audiences!

SATURDAY • 11:30 AM • ISC THEATRE
Adam Booth • *The Heron's Journey* - Adam uses spoken storytelling, quilting, and paper sculpture to tell an allegory filled with magic, challenges to opposition, and transformation. You'll meet the title character, Lake, in various forms of self-discovery and take part in giving the story wings. *No ticket required; Free with Festival swatch*

SATURDAY • 1 PM • COURTHOUSE TENT
Bil Lepp • *Ghost Box Derby and Other New Stuff* - Pinewood Derby cars made from coffins, Resusci Anne dolls, and tectonic plates converge in this hilarious hour featuring Skeeter, Bil, & crew.

SATURDAY • 1 PM • TENT ON THE HILL
Mitch Capel • *Our Untold Stories* - Stories of African American unsung heroes, whose glory and honor have remained unspoken for too long.

SATURDAY • 1 PM • CREEKSIDE TENT
Anne Rutherford • *New Wild-West Adventures with Clementine Ryder* - As her alter-ego, Clementine Ryder, Anne tells all-new adventures of Clementine herding cats, seeking elusive bovines, catching improbable fish and meeting a Paper-Bag Queen.

SATURDAY • 1 PM • COLLEGE STREET TENT
Lipbone Redding • *Porch Songs & Other Adventures* - Lipbone invites the audience on a musical storytelling journey – from the New York subway, around the world, and back home to Eastern North Carolina, with many detours along the way.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

	Courthouse Tent	College Street	Library Tent*	Theatre
10:00–11:00	SACRED TELLING Diane Ferlatte Corinne Stavish Bil Lepp Lipbone Redding	SACRED TELLING Sufian Zhemukhov Anne Rutherford Regi Carpenter Donald Davis	SACRED TELLING Willy Claflin Alton Chung Adam Booth Sheila Arnold	
11:30–12:30	April Armstrong Willy & Brian Claflin	Mo Reynolds <i>Creating Happily Ever After</i> <i>See description below</i>	Mitch Capel Bil Lepp	ISC THEATRE Tim Lowry <i>Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"</i> See description p. 5 Separate ticket required.
1:00–2:00	Adam Booth Dovie Thomason	Regi Carpenter <i>I Love You, Will You Bury Me?</i> Follow the Carpenter family through love and beyond.	Tim Ereneta Donald Davis	
2:30	SHOWCASE Tim Lowry Mo Reynolds Sufian Zhemukhov Anne Rutherford Lipbone Redding Corinne Stavish Sheila Arnold Bil Lepp	SHOWCASE Willy Claflin Regi Carpenter Bil Lepp Dovie Thomason Mitch Capel April Armstrong Alton Chung Donald Davis	SHOWCASE Adam Booth Sheila Arnold Donald Davis Tim Ereneta Regi Carpenter Willy Claflin Dovie Thomason Tim Lowry	

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SATURDAY • 2:30 PM • TENT ON HILL

Mo Reynolds • *Rolling Stones: Stories of Change*

Weaving together folk tales and personal stories, Mo explores how life knocks us around, changes us, and takes us new places...if we let it.

SATURDAY • 2:30 PM • CREEKSIDE TENT

Sheila Arnold • *Sick and Tired with Sheila Arnold* • Hear Sheila as Fannie Lou Hamer, an American voting rights activist. From her days as a sharecropper to her entrance into being a full voting privileged U.S. citizen, her story will inspire and challenge you.

SATURDAY • 2:30 PM • LIBRARY TENT

Willy Claflin & Dovie Thomason • 80 minutes • *A Space Oddity*
GO where no audience has ever gone before! SEE Indigenous Time-Bender! Monsters of the ID! Alien Jellyfish Story-Dancers! Years in the making! Cast of Thousands!

SATURDAY • 4 PM • COURTHOUSE TENT

Tim Lowry • *Haa'ty Wilcum tuh Oonah (There is a*

welcome here!) • Tim tells stories from friends and neighbors that welcomed him into the unique South Carolina Gullah Culture, including his popular inspirational story "Stay on the Road."

SATURDAY • 4 PM • TENT ON THE HILL

April Armstrong • *Two Wings to Heaven: The Bessie Coleman Story*

April shares Bessie Coleman's journey from childhood dreamer to pioneering aviatrix, weaving together history, aeronautics, and civil rights into a lively mix of dialogue, movement, and song. Set against a backdrop of hope, the show features visits from figures who inspired Bessie—Harriet Tubman, Joan of Arc, and Paul Laurence Dunbar—plus an audience sing-along.

SUNDAY • 11:30 AM • COLLEGE STREET TENT

Mo Reynolds • *Creating Happily Ever After* • Come along for an updated version of an old favorite – and then pitch in to create an original story in the moment. You provide the ingredients, and Mo will cook up a new story then and there. It promises to be an adventure!

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