



# Riverway Storytelling Festival

April 23-29, 2007 Albany, NY

Where Stories Come Alive!

[www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org](http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org)

Len Cabral



Len is an internationally acclaimed storyteller and author who has been enchanting audiences with his storytelling performances since 1976. A great grandson of a Cape Verdean whaler whose grandparents immigrated to America from the islands off the coast of West Africa, Len's strong Cape Verdean ancestry comes alive in his exuberant retelling of Cape Verdean, African and Caribbean folktales as well as original stories and tales from around the world. Len is the recipient of the National Storytelling Network 2001 Circle of Excellence Award.

Queen Nur



Following the tradition of the West African Djalimuso (Griotte), Queen Nur (Karen Abdul-Malik) spins uplifting folktales and historical stories from past and present. Queen performs at venues from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to Children-At-Risk Centers and New York City parks. Her performances are deemed "energetic and full of spirit." Queen performs Artist-in-Residency programs throughout the year and has won Artist-As-Catalyst Awards from the MidAtlantic Foundation. Her family CD *Sweet Potato Pie* has garnered awards and rave reviews.

Antonio Rocha



Antonio, a native of Brazil, began his career in the performing arts in 1985. He received a Partners of the Americas grant in 1988 to come to the USA to perform and deepen his mime skills with Master Tony Montanaro. Since then, Antonio's unique solo shows of stories and mime have been performed from Singapore to the Yukon and many places in between including the National Storytelling Festival, the Kennedy Center, Tales of Graz in Austria, and Dunya Festival in Holland.

The Storycrafters



Barry Marshall, and Jeri Burns, PhD have been working together as The Storycrafters since 1991, and have been solo tellers for even longer than that. In addition to being internationally renowned storytellers, they are award-winning radio show hosts, recording artists, writers, and adjunct college faculty (Southern CT State University). With a natural, energetic style, they have been featured performers at storytelling and folk festivals nationally and internationally including the National Storytelling Festival (TN), Gimistory Festival (Grand Cayman, West Indies) and Third International Storytelling Festival in Derry (Northern Ireland.)

Fran Yardley



Fran has over twenty-five years of experience telling Adirondack stories, folktales, original stories, and wisdom tales and using storytelling in a healing capacity. She is Co-Director of the Adirondack Arts & Healing Retreat for women with cancer and chronic illness and a board member of the Healing Story Alliance, a special interest group of the National Storytelling Network. "She moves her audience...with an ease of narrative ...as compelling as it is refreshing." (*Connecticut Storytelling Festival*)

## Local Storytellers

Barbara Chepaitis  
Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi

Peggy Cimino  
Bairbre McCarthy

Joe Doolittle  
Karen Pillsworth

# Riverway Storytelling Festival Schedule

Monday, April 23		Concerts	Free
4:00 – 5:00 pm (518) 756-8593	Senior Projects of Ravena Sponsor: RCS Community Library	Stories from Here and There <i>Peggy Cimino and Bairbre McCarthy</i>	
6:30 – 7:30 pm (518) 753-6230	Valley Falls Community Hall Sponsors: Valley Falls Free Library and Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library	Once Upon a Time and a Little Bit More: Stories for Families <i>Barbara Chepaitis and Karen Pillsworth</i>	
Tuesday, April 24		Concerts	Free
7:00 – 8:00 pm (518) 686-5408	Wood Park Senior Center Sponsor: Cheney Library, Hoosick Falls	Stories from Here and There <i>Peggy Cimino and Bairbre McCarthy</i>	
7:00 – 8:00 pm (518) 766-7104	Nassau Senior Apartments Sponsor: Nassau Free Library	Stories from Then and Now <i>Joe Doolittle and Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi</i>	
Wednesday, April 25		Concerts	Free
2:00 – 3:00 pm (518) 279-5330	Hawthorne Ridge Senior Living Center Sponsor: East Greenbush Community Library	Stories from Then and Now <i>Joe Doolittle and Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi</i>	
6:30 – 7:30 pm (518) 465-3403	Rensselaer Boys and Girls Club Sponsor: Rensselaer Public Library	Once Upon a Time and a Little Bit More: Stories for Families <i>Barbara Chepaitis and Karen Pillsworth</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 26</b>		<b>Story Walk for Third Graders</b> New York State Museum	Admission by prior arrangement
<i>Barbara Chepaitis, Queen Nur, Karen Pillsworth, Fran Yardley, and Berne-Knox-Westerlo and Maple Hill Middle School student tellers</i>			
<b>Thursday, April 26</b>		<b>Our Favorite Stories</b> Voorheesville Public Library Sponsor: Friends of Voorheesville Public Library	(518) 765-2791 Free
7:00 – 8:30 pm	<i>Peggy Cimino, Bairbre McCarthy, Queen Nur, Antonio Rocha, The Storycrafters, Fran Yardley</i>		family concert
NOTE: While this is a free concert, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 765-2791, for more information. (Full festival tickets include this concert. No additional tickets are needed.)			
<b>Friday, April 27</b>		<b>Friday Workshops</b> Guilderland Public Library	(518) 456-2400 \$75 all day/\$45 half day
9:00 – 11:30 am	Creating a Storytelling Tradition with Kids in Libraries and Classrooms <i>The Storycrafters</i>		
12:30 – 3:00 pm	Storytelling: How Do I Get Started? <i>Len Cabral</i>		
<b>Friday, April 27</b>		<b>Ghost Stories</b> Guilderland Public Library Sponsor: Friends of Guilderland Public Library	(518) 456-2400 Free ASL Interpreted
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Things That Go Bump in the Night <i>Len Cabral, Queen Nur, Antonio Rocha, The Storycrafters, Fran Yardley</i>		family concert
8:30 – 10:00 pm	Tales to Take You to the Edge <i>Len Cabral, Queen Nur, Antonio Rocha, The Storycrafters, Fran Yardley</i>		
NOTE: While these are free concerts, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 456-2400, for more information. (Full festival tickets include this concert. No additional tickets are needed.)			

Saturday, April 28		Albany Public Library, Main Branch	(518) 427-4310
9:30 – 10:45 am	The Nuts and Bolts of Storytelling <i>Len Cabral</i>	workshop	\$20 adult, \$10 student
9:30 – 10:45 am	Beyond the Voice, Part 1 <i>Antonio Rocha</i>	workshop	\$20 adult
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Family Concert Come hear some of the finest tellers in our region! Out of many excellent entries, these tellers and their stories were chosen to bring the best of the northeast storytelling world to your family right here in Albany.	Free	
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch		
12:30-1:00	Fresh Voices: Stories with Attitude <i>From Berne-Knox-Westerlo and Castleton, young storytellers who have studied with master tellers showcase their abilities.</i>	student concert	Free
1:00-1:45 pm	Story Swaps <i>Story Swaps are where anyone can tell a story (but not read a story). Do feel free to tell unpolished tales. Length of stories: under 7 minutes.</i>	Free	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Passport to Adventure: World Stories for Families <i>Len Cabral, Queen Nur, Fran Yardley</i>	Free	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Tale-Twisting: Next Steps in Storytelling and Story Writing <i>The Storycrafters</i>		\$20 adult, \$10 student
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Beyond the Voice, Part 2 <i>Antonio Rocha</i>	workshop	\$20 adult

Saturday, April 28		Bush Memorial Center, Sage College	(518) 244-2024	Free
Sponsor: Friends of Troy Public Library				
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Stories that Make You Giggle and Grin <i>Len Cabral, Queen Nur, Antonio Rocha, The Storycrafters, Fran Yardley</i>			
8:30 – 10:00 pm	You Might As Well Laugh: Comical Tales of Being A Grown-up <i>Len Cabral, Queen Nur, Antonio Rocha, The Storycrafters, Fran Yardley</i>			

NOTE: While these are free concerts, the seating is limited and tickets are required. Some tickets may be available that night. Please call the library, 274-7071, for more information. (Full festival tickets include this concert. No additional tickets are needed.)

Sunday, April 29		Festival Finale	(518) 439-9314	Free
Bethlehem Public Library Sponsor: Friends of Bethlehem Public Library				
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Stories Alive! <i>Len Cabral, Queen Nur, Antonio Rocha, The Storycrafters, Fran Yardley</i>			

NOTE: No tickets required.

Full Festival Tickets are available at \$104 per adult, a savings of 20%.  
A Full Festival Ticket includes 4 workshops, and lunches on Friday and Saturday.

For directions to all venues, see [www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org](http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org)



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# Riverway Storytelling Festival Workshops

**Friday, April 27, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.** Guilderland Public Library

<b>Creating a Storytelling Tradition with Kids in Libraries and Classrooms with <i>The Storycrafters</i></b>	
	Adult: \$75 full day, \$45 half day
9:00-11:30 Even in our technological age, we still transmit human values and literature through oral storytelling. What tools can we use to enliven oral tradition in modern society? Through lively exercises, demonstration, and discussion, we will explore human communication and learning through stories, and ways to excite children and their elders about language, learning and literature. A thoughtful and practical workshop with many ideas and activities for participants to take away.	
<b>Storytelling: How Do I Get Started? with <i>Len Cabral</i></b>	
	Adult: \$75 full day, \$45 half day
12:30-3:00 This storytelling workshop will focus on methods and techniques for librarians and teachers that Len has found effective in more than twenty years as a professional storyteller. Using stories for children from ages three to twelve, he will provide concrete examples of these techniques including participation, repetition, and how to lengthen the attention span of the children we work with through story engagement. Participants will leave with stories to tell and the confidence to tell them.	

**Saturday, April 28, 9:30-10:45 a.m.** Albany Public Library

<b>The Nuts and Bolts of Storytelling with <i>Len Cabral</i></b>	
	Adult \$20, Student \$10
This workshop will explain the tools needed to become a storyteller who engages the listeners, be they children or adults. Includes: where to find stories; how to learn stories; how and where to practice them; how to avoid mistakes that get in the way of the story; and do we memorize or just know the story? Len will discuss the importance of setting the stage before taking the stage.	

**Saturday, April 28, 9:30-10:45 a.m.** Albany Public Library

<b>Beyond the Voice: Part 1 with <i>Antonio Rocha</i></b>	
	Adult \$20
Discover how you can move in your stories and bring your characters to life. You will learn mime techniques and illusions that focus on individual creativity to make the invisible visible, therefore creating atmosphere and character. Learn how to get your body to support what you are saying by adding great and memorable details to your story.	

**Saturday, April 28, 3:15-4:30 p.m.** Albany Public Library

<b>Beyond the Voice: Part 2 with <i>Antonio Rocha</i></b>	
	Adult \$20
See description above under Part 1. You must take Part 1 of this workshop in order to take Part 2.	

**Saturday, April 28, 3:15-4:30 p.m.** Albany Public Library

<b>Tale-Twisting: Next Steps in Storytelling and Story Writing with <i>The Storycrafters</i></b>	
	Adult \$20, Student \$10
How can we work with the tales of olde and enjoy them in new ways that expand our understanding of story? This workshop looks at these and other questions through discussion, demonstration, and participatory exercises in creative tale-twisting, to come to a deeper understanding of our place within the world of folklore and oral tradition. For tellers interested in expanding techniques for re-telling of traditional tales, and teachers looking for new ways to teach about story.	

In-service credit will be available through The Greater Capital Region Teacher Center

## Riverway Storytelling Festival Sponsors



The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center  
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 Hudson River Bank & Trust Foundation  
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 Story Circle of the Capital District  
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## Ticket Information

Tickets can be purchased as follows:

- Send order form with check or money order made out to UHLS to:  
 Riverway Storytelling Festival  
 Upper Hudson Library System  
 28 Essex Street  
 Albany, NY 12206  
**FREE TEE SHIRTS for first 50 full festival tickets !!!**
- Purchase tickets at each event using check/cash.

Ticket requests received after April 17 will be held at the registration table for each event. Ticket information and order form can be found at:

[www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org](http://www.riverwaystorytellingfestival.org)

For more information about the tickets, please call (518) 437-9880.

Note: Friday and Saturday lunches must be paid for by April 17.

### Saturday Box Lunch

Includes a sandwich, a bottle of water, a bag of chips, an apple and a cookie.

NOTE: You may also bring your own lunch. There are no restaurants/delis/fast food outlets which are open on Saturday and are near the Albany Public Library.

### Accommodations

A variety of motels and hotels are in the Albany Metro Area. See the Albany County Convention and Visitors Bureau's web site [www.albany.org](http://www.albany.org) for more information.

### Merchandise

Storytelling merchandise will be available at the festival and can be purchased using check/cash.

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## Riverway Storytelling Festival 2007 Order Form

Qty	Description	Price	Total
<b>Full Festival (4 workshops, Fri. and Sat. lunches)</b>			
	Adult (a savings of 20%)	\$104	
<b>Friday:</b>			
	Adult: two workshops (a.m. & p.m.)	\$75	
	Adult: <i>Creating a Storytelling Tradition with Kids in Libraries and Classrooms</i> (a.m.)	\$45	
	Adult: <i>Storytelling: How Do I Get Started?</i> (p.m.)	\$45	
	Adult: buffet lunch	\$7.50	
<b>Saturday Morning Workshops (select only one/person)</b>			
<i>The Nuts and Bolts of Storytelling *</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
	Student	\$10	
<i>Beyond the Voice: Part 1 *</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
<b>Saturday Box Lunches (no cost for full festival ticket holders)</b>			
	Egg Salad Sandwich	\$7.50	
	Italian Sandwich	\$7.50	
	Tuna Salad Sandwich	\$7.50	
	Turkey Sandwich	\$7.50	
Please list any food allergies or restrictions:			
<b>Saturday Afternoon Workshops (select only one/person)</b>			
<i>Tale-Twisting: Next Steps in Storytelling and Story Writing *</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
	Student	\$10	
<i>Beyond the Voice: Part 2 * You must also take Part 1</i>			
	Adult	\$20	
<b>TOTAL</b>			

\* NOTE: These workshops are concurrent - please select only one.

Name		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone		
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In-service credit desired for workshops attended? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If you could help us, we would like to know:

How you heard of Riverway \_\_\_\_\_

Your profession \_\_\_\_\_

Your employer \_\_\_\_\_