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### **THREE RECOGNITIONS IN THREE MONTHS FOR LOCAL STORYTELLING NONPROFIT AS HYBRID EVENT TO LAUNCH**

**SALT LAKE COUNTY, UT & Virtual** – Story Crossroads celebrates three honors that range from world-wide, national, and local for the storytelling educational resources offered through digital and hybrid means. Now, Story Crossroads is about to celebrate its hybrid 7th Annual Summit & Festival from May 9-12, 2022 in Murray, Utah as well as Zoom and YouTube.

The first honor came from the Timpanogos Storytelling Institute’s Executive Board in passing the storytelling conference while still offering their festival. The second honor came from the annual Storytelling World Award given to the “Storytelling Basics in 8 Hours” free self-led online course as a top storytelling educational resource. Finally, Story Crossroads became nationally-accredited through the National Storytelling Network.

With these honors, Story Crossroads brings new traditions to what used to be “Festival” to now “Summit & Festival.” Besides a Keynote, there will be State of the Art addresses that focus on the past, present, and future of different cultural groups with this year’s presenters being Thomas Mitchell (Utah Council for the Blind), Charlotte Starks (Nubian Storytellers of Utah Leadership), and Eileen Quintana (Nebo Title VI Indian Education Program and linked to Navajo tribe). Story Crossroads continues its “Language of Story” series with attention to Korean as well as Story Education Bites that last 20-30 minutes each that focus on Zora Neale Hurston as well as Medieval Storytelling. Meanwhile, the performance side of storytelling is celebrated in-person at the Murray City Park yet recorded and available for all ticket-holders. Nine more films will be presented that give this storytelling festival a vibe of a film festival.

**WHAT:** Story Crossroads Academy & Story Crossroads Summit & Festival

**WHEN:** Academy - any time; Summit & Festival - May 9-12, 2022 (view through June 15, 2022), see full schedule online

**WHERE:** Your computer and/or Murray City Park, 495 East 5300 South, Murray, UT

**COST:** Academy - “Storytellings Basics in 8 Hours” - Free; Festival - \$20/household as well as two free events

**For more information, please visit: Academy - [www.storycrossroads.org/freeworkshop](http://www.storycrossroads.org/freeworkshop); Summit & Festival - [www.storycrossroads.org/festival](http://www.storycrossroads.org/festival)**

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