



## Open Call for Adult Tellers

### **Virtual and live options will be available for these performance opportunities.**

Most live slots will be during the day and night at the Murray City Park on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. We will also - with permission - have some youth and adult teller story videos premiered on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 through our [Story Crossroads YouTube Channel](#).

### **Storytelling Preparation:**

- It is your responsibility to select and prepare a story for the Festival. These stories must be family-friendly and appropriate for elementary through secondary grades.
- You should receive a minimum of 6-8 hours of development, crafting and performing the tale. See the free lesson plans already available representing 6 hours plus assuming at least 2 hours of telling and being coached. This can be done as an individual or reaching out to other people through phone, email, Zoom, or in-person in a safe manner. For ready-made storytelling lesson plans, visit <https://storycrossroads.org/teaching-story/> or email [info@storycrossroads.org](mailto:info@storycrossroads.org). “Storytelling Basics in 8 Hours” through Story Crossroads Academy, a self-led storytelling course, as an option here: <http://storycrossroads.org/FreeWorkshops>.
- You will be telling to audiences of 50 to 300+ people at the Festival or 1000+ due to virtual options. To prepare, take the opportunity to present your story to as many audiences as possible (e.g. classes, organizations, or clubs - performing virtually or in-person in a safe manner).

### **Storytelling Requirements:**

- Story Crossroads is about the art of oral storytelling. As such, do not read the story.
- Stories have a 3-6-minute time limit.
- Story performances (such as skits) do not qualify.
- Stories shared in other languages (e.g. Spanish, American Sign Language) are highly favored.
- Music, dance, or other art forms may be incorporated, provided storytelling is the primary focus. Any props should be minimal.
- Stories may be original or retold. For retold stories, credit must be given to the author or original teller. Tellers are required to receive permission to tell a published story.
- Avoid stories from picture books. Stories without pictures encourage creativity rather than recitation.

### **Application and Acceptance Details:**

- The application deadline is April 23, 2024.
- Complete the online application at <http://tinyurl.com/adulttellerapp>. Adults selected through feed-in festivals are not required to submit a video. Video auditions are reviewed by the Story Crossroads Board. Applicants will be informed of acceptance via email no later than May 1, 2024.