

OLD MAIN INTERACTIVE STAGE

Saturday, Sept. 18, FSU Upper Quad



10:30 AM In the shade next to Old Main Frostburg Arion Band

Originally organized in 1877 to accompany a singing society, the Frostburg Arion Band has participated in many interesting activities over the years. Today, Arion Band members

represent an intergenerational mix of musicians, each member attracted to the band a shared love of the music and the desire to perpetuate the longstanding tradition of the community band.

11:30 AM The Push and Pull of Appalachia in Poetry and Prose, Center for Literary Arts

Join the Center for Literary Arts to share a poem, reading or song lyrics focusing on this year's festival theme, "The Push and Pull of Appalachia." What compels people to stay in the region? What forces them to leave? Bring your original creative pieces or share something from a favorite poet or author.

Storytelling



12:30 PM Ilene Evans

Ilene Evans is an inspired storyteller, performer and scholar who weaves music, poetry, dance and drama to bring history alive. Evans creates and presents theatre programs and workshops/seminars that inform, educate and entertain audiences young and old. She has toured extensively across the U.S. and internationally with her historical and original works. Evans uses movement, poetry, story, song, rhythm and rhyme in telling her tales inspired by a rich

Affrilachian life and all its folklore.



1 PM Rich Knoblich

Rich Knoblich is the author of "Talking 'Bout the Relatives." His original tall-tale book was inspired by visits to his family's old homestead on the mountain. However, things often go haywire as he relates the shenanigans of rustic characters in modern times. Many stories incorporate family members along with friends he has made over the years. Stories take place at actual rural surroundings in West Virginia and are often based on reality, but they're loaded with plenty of embellishment.



1:30 PM Mikalena Zuckett

Mikalena Zuckett's love of folk tales and stories drew her first to writing. She grew up in Wheeling, W.Va., in a family that loved to gather and tell stories long into the night. During the 1990s, she returned to writing and had just completed her first mid-grade novel when she discovered the West Virginia Storytelling Guild. Soon she found these past skills and experiences coming together in new ways. She then began an odyssey to find her own

stories and came up with her own telling of folk tales, Jack tales, ghost tales, historic tales and personal tales.



2 PM Jo Ann Dadisman

Share an energetic, interactive storytelling session with Jo Ann Dadisman of West Virginia. Dadisman will entertain the young and young-at-heart as she weaves stories and lore from her beloved Appalachian hills. She has traveled throughout West Virginia and the surrounding states for more than 15 years, sharing stories and conducting workshops at state parks, schools, universities, festivals, libraries and art centers.



2:30 PM Otto and Katie Ross

In 1993, Katie Ross and her husband Otto formed a storytelling duo called Stories by the Score. Katie tells the stories and Otto plays music. The pair won first place at the Autumn Glory Tall Tales Contest in Oakland, Md., in 1997 and 1999. Later, Katie went on to be the first runner-up in the 2004 National Storyteller of the Year contest sponsored by the Creative Arts Institute in Blacklick, Ohio. Katie and Otto have performed for the last several years in FSU's Appalachian Festival with Katie coordinating the storytelling events. The two have a love of Appalachian culture, particularly its stories and music.

3:30 PM Introduction to Harmony Singing

Kagey Parrish and Laura Wortman of The Honey Dewdrops



This workshop will be a basic intro to harmony singing, and a decent part of it will be spent actually singing together, in harmony. The workshop will focus on how to get good tone, how to find the melody and how to move around the melody and create harmony. This will be done by singing a few songs together. Come ready to let your bird out of its cage and make some music with others.

