

For Immediate Release

Northlands Storytelling Network Conference

When: April 23-25, 2021

Where: The Pyle Center, 702 Langdon Street, Madison, Wisconsin

The Northlands Storytelling Network, a community of storytellers and story listeners in the upper Midwest, will celebrate its annual gathering on April 23-25, 2021 in Madison, Wisconsin. The Conference offers daytime professional development sessions for teachers, librarians, and storytellers at all experience levels. In the evening, there are Story Performances for Conference attendees and the general. Except for the Friday Master Class session, all daytime sessions and evening events are included in the registration fee. Daily registration is available.

All sessions and the Story Concerts are presented and performed by experienced, professional storytellers. During the day, Conference attendees can take part in a variety of workshops and discussions on the practice and applications of storytelling. Also available are 30- and 60-minute Fringe shows to attend, Story Swaps of informal storytelling and peer review sessions to work on stories they are developing.

The Story Concerts will be held Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon. The Story Concerts are appropriate for audience members 14 and up. The Friday evening Ghost Story Concert will begin at 8:30 pm. Saturday's Story Concert is scheduled for 7:15 pm. Sunday's Story Concert will begin at noon. The Story Concerts have a \$10 suggested donation for general admission. All concerts are held at the Pyle Center.

Also, on Friday evening at 7:15 pm there is a Story Slam. The theme is "Falling" with stories of 5 minutes or less. A Fairy Tale Open Mic (10-minute story limit) begins at 9:00 pm on Saturday evening. The Story Slam has a suggested general admission donation of \$5. The Fairy Tale Open Mic is free.

The Conference proudly offers an in-depth experience with a featured teller. The teller for 2021 is **Kim Weitkamp** who will present a 4-hour Master Class and a 90-minute workshop during the Conference. She also will perform at the Saturday main concert and Friday's Ghost Story concert. More information about Kim may be found at <https://www.kimweitkamp.com/>

To request disability-related accommodations for the conference sessions or concerts, please contact Dot Cleveland at (612) 730-5798 or email northlands.storytelling@gmail.com. Requests should be made no less than two weeks before the event. We will attempt to fulfill requests made after this date but cannot guarantee they will be met.

Further conference details, including registration, meals, lodging, and session schedule, are available under Events tab at <https://www.northlands.net>.

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