

## AMERICAN STORY THEATER MEDIA RELEASE

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**HEADLINE:** Odd Wednesdays - American Story Theater @ AS220

**Subhead:** "Have a drink, hear a story, tell a lie."

On Wednesday, March 22, the American Story Theater will kick off its Odd Wednesday series at AS220 with an open mic and two fabulous storytellers. The featured storytellers for this late night event are Rhode Island's Carolyn Martino, and Boston's Michael Anderson. Doors open at 8:30. Admission is \$10. Students, seniors and the under-employed are \$5. AS220 is near Trinity Rep at 122 Empire Street, Providence, RI.

"It's great to have this line-up to start our Odd Wednesdays series," said American Story Theater Director Mark Binder. "Michael Anderson knocked me out at the New England Story Festival with a ripping story about the completely insane South African World Cup soccer team. And of course Carolyn Martino is an absolute force of nature. Every single story she tells is riveting."

**Michael Anderson** delivers funny, intense political monologues. Every piece is an insurrection, an anarchist pep rally. Put George Orwell essays, Roadrunner cartoons and the first two Clash albums into a blender, and you've got Michael Anderson.

By day, he's a union lawyer specializing in First Amendment defense. After he takes off his tie, he talks to audiences in ways they don't allow in federal court. He has performed in venues from San Francisco to Boston. He starred in Free-Style Shakespeare at Jimmy Tingle's Off-Broadway Theater. He thinks: there's no such thing as free speech if you don't use it.

Storyteller, actress, writer and educator for over 25 years, **Carolyn Martino** has been named "one of Rhode Island's most influential artists" by the Providence Phoenix. She happily tells her tales and presents storytelling workshops for all ages at schools, libraries, festivals, conferences and special events throughout New England. Carolyn has been part of the RI and MA statewide summer reading programs for many years and also tours with her special holiday telling of The Nutcracker and with Bella Notte, an evening of Italian tales for adults. She has performed at the Jonnycake and RI Storytelling Festivals, Three Apples Festival, and the Connecticut and Toronto Storytelling Festivals. Called a "true Rhode Island treasure," Carolyn embraces her audiences with warmth, humor, energy and style

The evening will begin with an open mic session of brief stories, short riffs, and verbal images hosted by American Story Theater Director Mark Binder. Feature performers start at 10 pm.

Upcoming Odd Wednesday Events include:

April 19	Tony Toledo and Rory Raven
May 31	Keith Munslow and Mark Binder

The American Story Theater produces and presents an unmatched variety of story performances for all ages -- bringing America's history, heritage and cultures to life. American Story Theater Programs are inspiring, innovative and entertaining programs that promote community, learning, literacy, love of language, respect for diversity, and powerful communication.

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