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Stories for Tsunami Relief

Local Storytellers to participate in worldwide fundraising effort

Providence, RI

In an outpouring of sympathy, storytellers across the world are working together to raise funds to aid the victims of the December 26, 2004 earthquake and tsunami. Story Tsunami will be a series of benefit storytelling concerts with a goal of raising \$50,000 in as many as fifty communities worldwide.

The American Story Theater will be hosting a local Stories for Tsunami Relief event on Sunday, February 20 at 2pm at Barnes & Noble at 1441 Bald Hill Rd, Warwick, RI. The concert will include stories from Indonesia and India told by Jeanne Donato (Westerly, RI), Tom Brillat (Richmond, RI) and Mark Binder (Providence, RI).

The funds raised at this event will be sent to Oxfam, Mercy Corps, Save the Children, American Red Cross. These organizations were selected for their accomplishments as cost-effective relief agencies with a long-term commitment to recovery.

A portion of all sales at Barnes and Noble between 2 and 4pm will also be donated to Tsunami Relief.

“Stories keep memories alive,” said Mark Binder, Director of the American Story Theater. “One of American Story Theater’s goal is to connect individuals with the stories of other cultures. It is an honor to be to simultaneously raise funds to help Tsunami relief efforts.”

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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