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Christian Storytelling Festival - Storytelling Workshop

Conducted by Jonesborough Storytellers Guild

March 25, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. Providence Academy will host its 2010 Christian Storytelling Festival Storytelling Workshop, conducted by Performing Members from the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild (JSG). Three different artists will share their expertise on various aspects of storytelling and three other artists will give examples of storytelling in character. The two hour workshop includes:

- Kate Agmann will present "Using Your Other Voice." Did you know that you also have another "voice," a silent voice that can be used to express emotions, actions, and intentions? Learn how to use your "other" voice through Ms. Agmann's examples and your participation.
- Molly Catron will share "Oral or Written: What's the difference?" While both oral and written stories are well-loved and share many of the same qualities, there are distinct differences between the two. The workshop will explore the characteristics of an oral story and provide examples of how those elements can become a part of your story.
- Larry Kelley will help you to discover the "Storytelling Essentials" that will prepare you to meet and exceed the audience's expectations. It's all about discovering how your stories and style can be most effective.

The last half hour of the workshop will be devoted to storytelling in character. Presenters will be Marjorie Shaefer as "Mother Goose," Judy Farlow as "Neptuna," and David Claunch as a Storytelling Clown.

Mark Koscak, Director of Development at Providence Academy commented, “We are excited to have the expertise of the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild to draw upon as we promote the art of storytelling through our Christian Storytelling Festival.” The Jonesborough Storytellers Guild has 44 members and does storytelling performances every Tuesday at the Cranberry Thistle in Jonesborough. Guild President, Gayleen Kelley, shared that the purpose of JSG is the preservation and perpetuation of storytelling, and to promote the art and craft of storytelling. JSG has been organized to:

- Provide assistance and support for local storytellers and to seek out and encourage a wide variety of storytellers that includes minorities, traditionalists, educators, and the clergy.
- Raise public awareness of storytelling and storytellers as professional artists.
- Establish a standard of excellence in JSG, giving storytellers the opportunity to perform in increasingly rewarding and challenging situations.

For more information on the Jonesborough Storytelling Guild, go to www.storytellersguild.org.

The cost is \$10 for this two-hour workshop. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.christianstorytellingfestival.com.

This storytelling workshop is part of the 2010 Christian Storytelling Festival at Providence Academy. The festival is a fundraiser, a “friend raiser,” and a way to edify the Christian community. All proceeds benefit the Providence Academy Annual Scholarship Fund. This year, 25% of the Providence students are receiving need-based support through the scholarship fund.

For more details on the Christian Storytelling Festival and our featured storyteller, William J. Federer, go to www.christianstorytellingfestival.com.

Equipping students with a Christ-centered and classical education, Providence Academy (P.A.) is a non-denominational Christian school that implements a classical approach to education. It is located on a 45 acre campus, with a 67,000 square foot school facility. The school was founded in 1994. Providence Academy currently has 466 students from Kindergarten through 12th Grade.