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South Carolina Center for Oral Narration to Host Storytellers

Core News facts:

Who: SC Center for Oral Narration at USC Sumter and the Department of Arts & Letters

What: 3rd Annual Jack Doyle Storytelling Festival

When: February 18, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Nettles Auditorium

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(Sumter, SC) The South Carolina Center for Oral Narration at USC Sumter will sponsor the 3rd Annual Jack Doyle Storytelling Festival on February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nettles Auditorium at USC Sumter. Featured storytellers this year will be John Fowler and Michelle Ross.

Longtime resident of Sumter, Michelle Ross works as an independent folklorist and instructor of folklore at USC Sumter. She has been telling stories in public venues since 1993, soon after Jack Doyle, of whom this festival is named, offered a storytelling class. As a descendent of immigrant grandparents, her repertoire mainly focuses on multi-cultural tales, and she has also been known to share parts of the immigration stories of her grandmothers, Baba and Yaya.



John Fowler, storyteller and old-time musician, has been touring professionally throughout the southeast at festivals, theaters, schools and music camps for more than 20 years. His talents stem from family ties to our Southern Appalachian Mountain region. Fowler is an artist-in-residence in South Carolina and is also an approved performing and teaching artist in a number of other states regionally. He has performed at venues on both coasts and has been featured in several documentaries; co-produced a number of specials on South Carolina ETV and hosts an old-time radio show on North Carolina public radio.

The program will be free and open to the public.

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