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Storytelling is alive!

The 23rd Bay Area Storytelling Festival

A project of the STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION OF ALTA CALIFORNIA (SAAC)

May 17 – May 18, 2008

The Bay Area Storytelling Festival celebrates its 23rd Annual weekend festival May 17 and 18 in El Sobrante (East Bay Hills). This jewel of a festival is held outdoors among the eucalyptus trees and soaring hawks in lovely Kennedy Grove Regional Park. Storytellers share their stories and music in an outdoor amphitheater and have breakout concerts in large tents. During the weekend, over 1500 visitors from ages 9-99, who love the power of stories told in the oral tradition, come to listen to renowned storytellers.

For this two-day festival the featured storytellers are:

- ❖ Carol Birch at www.carolbirch.com
- ❖ Derek Burrows at www.derekburrows.com
- ❖ Baba Jamal Koram at www.babajamalkoram.com
- ❖ Olga Loya at www.olgaloya.com.
- ❖ Showcased are regional storytellers: Olive Hackett-Shaughnessy at www.olvestoryteller.com and Rick Huddle at www.rickhuddle.com.

Sunday there will be a KIDS CONCERT, recommended for ages 4 and above, where Bay Area storytellers are featured.

Come enjoy the festival for an hour, for the day, or the whole weekend.

Where: El Sobrante on San Pablo Dam Rd. in Kennedy Grove, part of the East Bay Regional Park District at the amphitheater and in the tents.

Times: Saturday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

Tickets: Prices range from single event tickets (\$13) to whole festival (\$70). For single concerts and special rates, check www.bayareastorytelling.org for prices, maps, schedule, etc.

The Festival is co-sponsored by the STORYTELLING ASSOCIATION OF ALTA CALIFORNIA, a 501c3 non-profit, and by the EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS DISTRICT. *For more information:* www.bayareastorytelling.org, www.storySAAC.org, and www.ebparks.org.