

Everyone loves a good story. Storytelling is as old as the origins of the spoken word. It survives today as anecdotes told around the kitchen table, ghost stories around a camp fire, in books and movies, and even urban legends on the internet.

Frisco's 6th Annual Lone Star Storytelling Festival elevates the art of the story with performances from some of the nation's best-loved professional storytellers, Oct. 9 and 10 at Simpson Plaza, Frisco Square. Tellers will delight audiences with hilarious chronicles of childhood misadventures, fables from ancient cultures, tall tales and rollicking anecdotes from everyday life.

This year's slate of talent includes awarding winning Appalachian teller Donald Davis who has appeared on ABC News Nightline and has been a guest host on National Public Radio. Also in the line-up are Parent's Choice Award winner Motoko who will perform a combination of mime and Japanese folktales, four-time Grammy Award winner David Holt, and "Champion Liar" Bil Lepp.

The Festival begins on Friday evening, Oct. 9 with "Favorite Stories" in the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, council chambers. On Saturday, Festival goers will have the opportunity to stroll the plaza and attend performances including "Bedtime Stories" and tales performed by student storytellers trained by Frisco Public Library. Puppet shows and hands-on folk arts and crafts, including wheel pottery and stained glass mosaic stations, will be ongoing throughout the day. The Festival culminates in the enormously popular "Laughing Night" which will take place in front of the municipal building in Simpson Plaza under one of three Festival event tents.

Proceeds from the Lone Star Storytelling Festival go to the Frisco Library Foundation benefiting Frisco Public Library services.

More details about the Festival may be found at www.lonestarstories.org Beginning Sept. 15, tickets may be purchased online at the Festival web site, by mail using the order form on the website and in Festival brochures, or in person at Frisco Public Library's borrow and return desk. Tickets can also be purchased at the Festival.