



THE STORYTELLING COMPANY FZE



Dear friends and story lovers,

thank for attending so enthusiastically to the first week-end of our Festival. We are looking forward to welcome you for our exciting second week-end and here we are writing you to let you know about a great addition to our programme.

Thanks to the support of the **British Council "UK/UAE 2017 Year of Creative Collaboration"** to our project we are proud and happy to announce

- THE SECRET OF THE STORYTELLING -

International Storytelling Workshop

with Michael Harvey and Paola Balbi

Dates: Friday 20th and Saturday 21st of January

TIME: 10.00-12.00 am / 1.30-3.30 pm

For the first time in the U.A.E a Storytelling workshop led by two leading professional performers and coaches of the Storytelling Revival!

A unique opportunity to discover and experience the basic techniques of oral Storytelling through a series of practical group and one to one exercises.

Come and learn how to enchant your audience with your words and how to create images in your listeners' mind.

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Michael and **Paola** will lead you on a journey at the discovery of traditional folktales to un-reveal the power of ancient stories to:

- improve your public speaking abilities
- improve your communication skills
- learn how to pass on a message with the powerful tool of metaphor
- discover the happiness that "once upon a time" can bring into your life
- find out the wisdom, fun and universal values that our ancestors stories have preserved for us across the centuries.

This workshop is for you if:

- you are a performer and wish to explore the world of professional storytelling
- you are a manager and want to improve your public speaking skills
- you are a teacher and wish to improve your communication skills
- you are a tour guide and want to find a new fun way to engage your customers to the local culture
- you are a parent, a grandparent, an elder brother /sister and want to find a way to pass on the values of your culture through fascinating stories, leaving your young ones wanting more!
- if you are a story lover of any kind and you are still dreaming of when your grandmother put you to bed with "once upon a time"....

Programme:

BASIC LEVEL

Focus: Basic Storytelling techniques.

Subject: Folktales from different traditions, with main focus on British, Emirati and Middle East tradition

- structure of a story
- what is a story?
- creation of a storyboard with the images of the story
- improvisation of the words for oral storytelling
- contact with the audience
- basic body language for storytellers
- the use of language and formulas in Storytelling
- the point of view of the Storyteller and different characters in the story



ADVANCED LEVEL (*previous Storytelling experience is required for this*)

Focus: Performing Storytelling techniques. Different Storytelling styles.

Subject: Folktales from different traditions, with main focus on British and Middle East tradition

- bringing Shakespeare's tales back to oral literature
- telling with different rhythms and energy levels
- the use of space and stage in Storytelling
- telling with music
- use of voice and evocative body language in Storytelling
- building up the atmosphere and emotional landscape to tell an old story in front of a contemporary audience
- how to work with the five senses in the story
- exploring the possibility and ways of blending Shakespeare theatre and Storytelling

--- The workshop will be delivered in English ---

Venue: Al Noor Island - Sharjah

Total amount of hours: 8

Level: Open

Cost: Free of charge. Supported by The British Council and "Tales on the Island - International Storytelling Festival. The only cost is 50 AED admittance to the Festival venue per day, which includes all performances of the day.

Max 20 participants: booking required

INFO AND BOOKINGS:

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