



Northwest Folklife Festival Storytelling and Spoken Word Schedule

May 22 -25, 2026 – Seattle Center

Friday, May 22nd

Center Theatre
4:30pm-5:30pm
Performer: **Diane Johnston** presents
Hidden Layers: A Talk with Diane Johnston

Unkitawa
6:00pm-7:45pm
Performer: **Indigenous Open Mic**

Center Theatre
6:00pm-8:00pm
Ubuntu StorySlam
Performers: **Paul Barach, Jeff Birdsall, Robert McPhail, Saloni Singh, Tracey Croisier, Mike Lockhart, Tom Rawson, Joanna Demarest**
MC – Paul Currington

Saturday, May 23rd

Eve Alvord Stage at Seattle Children's Theatre
12:00pm-12:45pm
Performer: **African American Writers Alliance**

Artist at Play Stage
12:50pm-1:20pm
Performer: **Joanna Demarest** presents
Tales from the Wild

Center Theatre
1:00pm-2:00pm
Performer: **Geoffrey Turnovsky** presents
Permanent Ink: A Talk with Geoffrey Turnovsky

Center Theatre
2:30pm-3:30pm
Performer: **Daniel E. Atkinson** presents
The Vanguard Generation: A Talk with Daniel Atkinson

Eve Alvord Stage at Seattle Children's Theatre
2:45pm-3:30pm
Performer: **The Crankie Factory**

Eve Alvord Stage at Seattle Children's Theatre
6:00pm-6:45pm
Performer: **Red Eagle Soaring**

Center Theatre
6:30pm-8:30pm
Liar's Contest
Performers will be chosen through names drawn from a hat on Saturday night
Sign up will be from 6:00pm-6:25pm in Lobby
MC – Marte Fallshore

Sunday, May 24th

Center Theatre
2:30pm-3:30pm
Performer: **Clare Johnson** presents
A Life in Sticky Notes:
A Talk with Clare Johnson

Eve Alvord Stage at Seattle Children's Theatre
3:30pm-4:15pm
Performer: **American Radio Theater**

The Rotunda Folklife Café
Storyteller Showcase
4:15pm-5:30pm
Performers: **Bowen Lee, Paul Chiyokten Wagner** Coast Salish Storyteller and flutist,
Lenore Jackson

Center Theatre
6:30pm-8:30pm
Ghost Stories
Performers: **Ira Kitmacher, Larry Hohm, Bowen Lee**
MC - Karen Shaw

Eve Alvord Stage at Seattle Children's Theatre
7:00pm-8:00pm
Performer: **Joketeller's Union**

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