

# Fourth annual storytelling celebration to be held in Clemson

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CLEMSON — Storytelling in the spoken word, music and visual arts returns to The Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. on March 6, 212 Butler St., Clemson. The Clemson Area StoryTellers, (CAST) in cooperation with The Arts Center, offers its fourth annual Celebration of Story. Stories define our lives and illuminate common experiences. Adults and elementary age children are invited to dive into an evening of stories interpreted by the tellers of CAST, the blues band Hoodoo Hounds and the works of Arts Center Artists Guild members. Admission is free, with donations accepted. Guests are asked to bring canned goods for Clemson Community Care's food pantry. For more information, log on to [www.explorearts.org](http://www.explorearts.org), email [clemsonareastorytellers@yahoo.com](mailto:clemsonareastorytellers@yahoo.com) or call (864) 653-4932. Spoken word artists for the event include the duo of Billy Boggs and Matthew Phillips, Michelle Buscher, Wendel Craker, Judy Seeley and Jennifer Simmons. All are members of CAST, a local guild dedicated

to promoting the art of storytelling. The tellers gather at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at The Arts Center where they share stories, hone their telling skills and discuss storytelling events and activities. Listeners and would-be storytellers are always welcome.

The Hoodoo Hounds, a Clemson-based blues band formed in 2005, will perform stories in music. The band has recorded several original songs whose lyrics, or stories, deal with traditional blues themes such as crossroads, tribulation, mojos and black cat bones. Andrew Duchowski, David Jacobs, Walt "Hoodoo Harry" Ligon and Radar Martin make up the band along with Phil Carroll, sound engineer. The Hoodoo Hounds play at 6:30 p.m. and during intermission.

The Arts Center Artists Guild will interpret stories through visual arts such as watercolors, oil painting, pottery, sculpture, photography and jewelry. The 75-member guild includes both visual and performance artists and meets monthly at The Arts Center. Their spring exhibit will be on display in the gal-

lery space and hallways of The Arts Center. Guild members will be on hand to explain the stories behind their pieces.

Celebration of Story is both a free community event and a benefit for Clemson Community Care, which is a non-profit organization providing food, shelter, utilities and other support services to people in difficult circumstances in the Clemson, Central and Pendleton areas of South Carolina. Attendees of the Celebration of Story are asked to bring canned goods, especially canned meat and fish, canned vegetables and pasta sauce. Donations of boxed powdered milk, cereal, toiletries, pasta, rice and instant potatoes are also needed. During March and April, all donations to CCC will be proportionately matched by the Feinstein Foundation.

Seating and parking at The Arts Center are limited. Please carpool if possible. Seating is open, so arrive early to claim a seat and view the Guild exhibit. Groups of 10 or more may call (864) 653-4932 or email [clemsonareastorytellers@yahoo.com](mailto:clemsonareastorytellers@yahoo.com) to request reserved seats.