

Biography – Tama Lunceford

Long version

Tama Lunceford's vivid imagination, expressive manner and colorful use of language touch the minds and hearts of listeners through stories. She tells all kinds of stories including folktales, fairy tales, Jack tales, tall tales, personal, historical, and hysterical stories. Tama has created a collection of original stories she calls Tom Tales; all tall tales based on stories she heard from her father, Tom. Tama has also crafted a compilation of original stories she calls stories that simply need to be told. This anthology targets social issues and is focused on motivating change.

As a performing member of the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild, Tama can often be heard spreading stories from the stage of the International Storytelling Center during the Guild's Stories and More programs. Tama serves on the Executive Board of the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild, is a member of the National Storytelling Network, and an officer of Lakeway Area Toastmasters, the local chapter of Toastmasters, International. Currently Tama is pursuing a Master of Arts Degree in Communication and Performance- Storytelling at East Tennessee State University. She recently presented her work "Left Behind: Stories of Suicide Loss Survival" at the Tennessee Communication Association's annual conference. She supports the art of storytelling in the community as Coordinator of Storytelling for the Jonesborough Storytellers Guild monthly performances at Crumley House in Limestone TN, a brain injury and closed head injury rehabilitation community and for the annual Mountain Makins festival in Morristown, TN.

Motivated by an inspired sense of the world, driven with a passion for positive change, devoted to a legacy of helping others, and armed with an uncanny ability to join heart and mind through word, Tama's passion is to engage others through story to entertain, uplift, and connect people to each other and the world we share.

Short Version (100 words)

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