

# World Storytelling Day 2019 • Saint Paul, MN

*"If I can hear your story, it's harder for me to hate you."*



## Myths, Legends & Epics of Coming Home From War

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*Hosted by Landmark Center, in partnership with the Minnesota Veteran Resilience Project*



**Wednesday, March 20 6-9pm**

**Landmark Center • F. K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium**

**Free Admission**

*(Donations welcome to Veteran Resilience Project)*

This year's global theme lends itself to the epic struggle of veterans coming home whole: to meaningful life. Odysseus took ten arduous years to return from the Trojan War. Psychiatrist Jonathan Shay documents such heroic journeys in books like *Achilles in Vietnam*. The literature of folklore is littered with legends like the Grimm's *Bearskin*, where a returning soldier suffers valiantly for seven years to win the life he wants and deserves. Finally, real life veteran legends like Jesse Owens and Hugh Thompson are rivaled only by the growing cadre of women veterans daring to stand up to the travesty of military sexual assault. Since 2003, World Storytelling Day events take place on or around March 20 in more than 25 countries around the world.

### **6:00pm Information Fair from our Program Partners**

**Storytelling and Veteran Support Organizations**

*(For more information, or to reserve a seat or information table, contact Larry Johnson, Veteran, Storyteller/Organizer, Author, at [larryjvfp@gmail.com](mailto:larryjvfp@gmail.com))*

### **7:00pm Our Storytellers**

**Hector Matascastillo**

*Army Ranger, Psychotherapist, Clinical Director, Author, Speaker*

**Trista Matascastillo**

*Veteran, Ramsey County Commissioner, Bush Fellow, Feminist*

**Carol McCormick**

*Veteran Spouse, Professional Storyteller, Story Arts of Minnesota (Board Member), Author*

**Derek Anders-Turner**

*Combat Engineer, US Bank Technology Product Manager, Natl Black Police Association Member*

**Mark Wagler**

*Legendary Storyteller from Madison, Co-Founder Northlands Storytelling Network*

**Elaine Wynne**

*Storyteller, Veteran Spouse, EMDR Therapist/Trainer, Founder of Veteran Resilience Project*