



# The BARNUM MUSEUM

## **You're invited to a Tellabration Celebration at The Barnum Museum** *Storytelling is alive and well in Connecticut!*

(Bridgeport, CT) – On Saturday, November 18, 2005 at 11:00 AM, The Barnum Museum and the Barnum Festival are hosting *Tellabration! The Night of Storytelling* as part of a worldwide storytelling event created by J.G. Pinkerton and launched in 1988 by the Connecticut Storytelling Center. By 1991 the event attracted more than 12,000 listeners in 74 communities and 27 states. *Tellabration!* is now an international event, taking place in ten other countries on six continents.

The *Tellabration!* event at The Barnum Museum features storytellers, singers and musicians Tom Callinan, Ann Shapiro and Arnie Pritchard. For more than twenty years the husband and wife duo of Tom Callinan and Ann Shapiro have toured performing participatory family-oriented songs in harmony, accompanied by a wide variety of wind, string and percussion instruments. As storytellers, Ann and Tom embellish tales with humor, music, sound effects and of course audience participation.

Arnie Pritchard tells folk tales from Europe, Africa and North America along with adaptations of classic stories like O. Henry. Occasionally he mixes in a biblical story or an original story of his own or other's misspent youth. Arnie has performed at festivals and conferences throughout New England.

*Tellabration!* Is geared toward adults and children, age 7 and older. However, younger children are welcome and may be taken to the children's interactive activity area if desired.

**What: Tellabration in Bridgeport, Courtesy of The Barnum Festival and The Barnum Museum**

**Where: The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport**

**When: Saturday, November 18, 2006 – 11:00 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Who: Recommended for Adults and Children age 7 and older**

**Cost: Regular museum admission rates apply. Adults: \$5.00, seniors & students: \$4.00  
Children 4 through 17: \$3.00, Children Under 4: Free**

**Join us! You'll be surprised how the spoken word can evoke a variety of emotions**

For more information visit [www.barnum-museum.org](http://www.barnum-museum.org) or [www.connstorycenter.org](http://www.connstorycenter.org)  
Call 203-331-1104 ext. 100 for more information.