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Washington Revels Expands Multicultural Story Time for Families

Silver Spring, MD, March 23, 2018 – This spring, Washington Revels kicks off an expanded Revels World Story Time for children (ages 3–7) and their parents. Held at the Revels’ Studio Space near the Queen Annes and Seven Oaks neighborhoods of Silver Spring, World Story Time connects children with cultures from around the globe through legends and folk tales, as retold by authors from diverse cultural backgrounds and nationalities: current storybook destinations include India, the Caribbean, the Islamic World, Europe, Asia and Africa.

These sessions offer neighborhood parents with young children a free daytime enrichment activity, and they are also part of Revels’ broader mission to unite people and to encourage cultural understanding and civil discourse by celebrating the many traditions that have bound together communities around the world and throughout time.

The program began in the fall of 2016 as Nordic Story Time, an offshoot of the 2016 *Christmas Revels* that featured winter traditions from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. World Story Time was launched the following spring with a greater range of cultural source materials and continued under this title through the fall of 2017, with sessions typically meeting every two weeks.

Beginning this April, World Story Time will meet every Tuesday for six weeks — an increase from previous sessions that was made possible by changing staff roles at Washington Revels: in February 2018, primary storyteller Jo Rasi transitioned from her longtime position as Marketing & Programs Director to focus on and develop participation-based and service-oriented offerings.

World Story Time’s expansion coincides with Washington Revels’ new emphasis on “spoken word” performance art in 2018. While Revels’ performing ensembles have included historical texts and poetry in their performances for many years, World Story Time directly engages families in storytelling, and is the first step towards a larger exploration of related programs, such as book clubs geared towards older children, teens and adults.

Washington Revels is a multi-generational performing arts community of professionals and nonprofessionals that presents celebrations of traditional music, dance, storytelling and drama in the DC area.

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 am, April 3 to May 8, 2018
Washington Revels, 531 Dale Drive, Silver Spring, MD, 20910