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August House Author Donald Davis Featured at Hat Trick of March Storytelling Festivals

Donald Davis featured in August House interview and March Newsletter

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Atlanta, Georgia (March 1, 2016) This March, August House authors will be busy performing stories as featured tellers at three acclaimed annual storytelling festivals: the 29th Mariposa Storytelling Festival in Mariposa, CA (Donald Davis, Jim May), the 20th Azalea Storytelling Festival in LaGrange, GA (Donald Davis, Barbara McBride Smith, Ed Stivender), and the 22nd Florida Storytelling Festival in Mount Dora, FL (Donald Davis). In honor of Donald Davis' March featured storytelling festival performer hat trick, August House will feature an interview in their March Newsletter with Donald Davis in which he discusses his storytelling childhood, favorite elements of performance, and working with children and story. Additionally, August House will devote the March Newsletter to Davis and his highly acclaimed picture book [*The Pig Who Went Home on Sunday: An Appalachian Folktale*¹](#), an Appalachian variation on "The Three Little Pigs." If you are interested in getting a copy of this newsletter, you can request one here: <http://www.augusthouse.com/#!/newsletter-signup/c4m8>

Donald Davis is frequently recognized as a gifted performance artist and "one of the most popular figures on today's storytelling circuit" (LA Times). Davis's humor, compassion, and ability to read audiences has earned him such honors as the NSN ORACLE Circle of Excellence and Lifetime Achievement awards. *The New York Times* wrote that "his stories often left listeners limp with laughter at the same time they struggled with a lump in the throat." Davis is also a prolific author and has written over ten titles with August House, including the award winning LittleFolk picture book [*The Pig Who Went Home on Sunday: An*](#)

¹ http://www.amazon.com/Pig-Who-Went-Home-Sunday/dp/0874835712/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1442958530&sr=8-1

[*Appalachian Folktale*](#)¹ and collection of stories [*Listening for the Crack of Dawn*](#)², drawn from his childhood growing up in the mountains of Western North Carolina in a family that shared a rich storytelling tradition.

Donald Davis and featured August House authors will be joined by nine other featured performers across the Mariposa Storytelling Festival, the Azalea Storytelling Festival, and the Florida Storytelling Festival. The Mariposa Storytelling Festival runs from March 11-13 and will feature Donald Davis on March 11th. The Azalea Storytelling Festival runs from March 4-6 and will feature Davis on March 6th. The Florida Storytelling festival runs from March 31-April 4 and will feature Davis on March 31st. For more information about these festivals, go to: <http://www.mariposaartscouncil.org/mariposa-storytelling-festival/>, <http://www.lagrange.edu/events/azalea/index.html>, and <http://flstory.com/>.

August House is a highly acclaimed and award-winning multimedia publisher of children's picture books, folktale anthologies, and resource books. Located in Atlanta, GA, August House has developed one of the most highly respected collections of folktales from the world's great oral traditions.

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² http://www.amazon.com/Listening-Crack-Dawn-American-Storytelling/dp/0874836050/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1442958662&sr=8-1&keywords=Listening+for+the+Crack+of+Dawn