



**AROUND THE WORLD,
IN TWO DAYS,
UNDER ONE SKY**

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Canadian history told through song, graphic novels, letters and diaries, and puppetry. These are just some of the ways Latitudes Storytelling Festival will be celebrating stories for adults and children, on Roos Island, Victoria Park, Kitchener, on June 20-21, from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Mike Ford, formerly of Moxy Fruvous, brings a unique approach to Canadian history told through song.

Mariko Tamaki, whose graphic novel, *Skim*, was nominated for a Governor General's Award and four Eisner Awards, brings a sharp wit and unique perspective to the adult stage.

Banjo Puppets are engaging handmade puppets for professional and aspiring puppeteers.

All are confirmed to appear at this year's event, which is free to the public.

Juno Award nominees and favourites locally, House of Doc will also bring their brand of stories told through bluegrass music to the festival; they will also headline the main concert event at Trinity United Church on Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m.

There is a strong local connection as Paul Tiessen tells the story of Gordon Eby, a young Kitchener diarist in the 1910s, and Hildi Tiessen will bring the story of Ephraim Weber, writer and long-time pen pal of L.M. Montgomery, author of *Anne of Green Gables*. Ronnie Lowrey of the Baden Storytellers' Guild will also appear at this year's event. Latitudes festival is also proud to welcome the Dual Language Book Club from Winston Churchill Public School in Waterloo.

Also appearing will be Dan Yashinsky, Rukhsana Khan and the *New Quarterly* panel featuring stories for non-storytellers. Brad Woods of Guelph will also appear.

Sharing the park with the K-W Multicultural Festival and National Aboriginal Day celebrations, Latitudes Storytelling Festival celebrates stories from around the world, for children and adults alike; a festival of stories told in spoken word, music, image, theatre and poetry.

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