

## Interfaith Story Circle Stories of Creation From Around the World

Creation Stories honor the birth of Mother Earth and explore the origins of the Cosmos. Perhaps the deepest of story themes, they deal with core patterns of our existence and our relationship to life itself. Creation Stories were told during times of renewal, fertilization and initiation. They invoke the power of creativity and new beginnings.

## Our guest tellers:

**Nicola Marae Allain** is currently the Interim Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities at SUNY Empire State College. She explored creation stories for her Ph.D. dissertation. She is a native of Tahiti and will share a creation story from there.

Joe Bruchac is an award-winning author, educator and storyteller. Immersed in his ancestral Abenaki culture, he tells the stories of the First Peoples of the Northeastern Woodlands. He will share a creation story that is rooted deep in the soil of Upstate New York.

**Sharon Sassaman** is a psychologist who uses wisdom stories in her counseling work. She has a deep respect for

the power of stories to heal, balance and guide us through life's many mazes. She will share a story from the Vedic period of Hindu India.



**Sandy Schuman** tells stories about songs and songwriters, personal adventures, historical sagas, folk tales, and stories in the Jewish storytelling tradition. The Biblical creation story he will share was written about 3,000 years ago based on earlier oral traditions.

Come share your stories related to the theme, or just come to listen. Either way, you will be warmly welcomed.

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