

# The Call of Story

AN AMERICAN  
RENAISSANCE

—Every life has a story...

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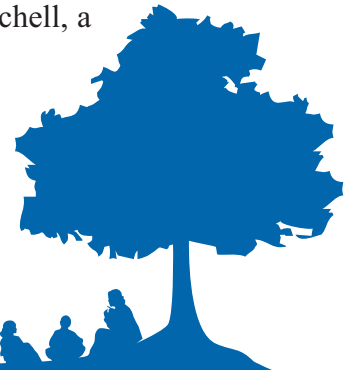
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### “The Call of Story” Explores the Threads That Tie Us Together

Every life is a story, and storytelling is the golden thread that ties generations and families into a thickly woven tapestry.

Now [station name] and American Public Television present “The Call of Story: An American Renaissance,” a one-hour documentary featuring six nationally known storytellers who share both significant slices of their own lives, as well as insights into the value of storytelling in our families, our communities, and our cultures. [Provide local air dates and times.]

A production of KBYU Television, “The Call of Story” features Carmen Deedy, a self-described “Cuban who grew up in Decatur”; Syd Lieberman, a former high school English teacher who has shared his stories internationally and hosted American Public Radio’s “Good Evening”; Dovie Thomason-Sickles, who has shared the values and beliefs of Native Americans through her storytelling; Donald Davis, a retired Methodist minister whose background in folktales and ancient lore helps him capture the daily adventures of life; Waddie Mitchell, a cowboy poet whose neighbor had to drive 40 miles to tell him that Johnny Carson’s *Tonight Show* wanted him to appear as a guest (Waddie said no to the initial offer—it was calving season and he had never heard of Johnny Carson);



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and Rex Ellis, a teacher, historian and storyteller who believes that storytelling brings hope as it brings people and communities together.

This hour-long documentary is supplemented by a Web site ([www.callofstory.org](http://www.callofstory.org)) that provides additional insight into the art of storytelling and promotes storytelling within our families and communities.

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