

Kuumba Tattle Tales Bios

Javon

Javon is eleven. He has been telling stories in front of audiences since he was four. He has won first and third place at separate NABS Tall Tale festivals and also received the Youth Storyteller Award. He has performed at The Triple Tales Festival, Bear on the Square Festival, Anansi Festival, Mama Tales, Grandparents Day, The “Father Goose Brigade”, and libraries. Since he has been staying home from school, he says he likes cooking. He plans to become an electrical engineer.

Jeremiah

Jeremiah dreams of becoming a great jazz saxophone player. He enjoys soccer, a little bit of basketball and is a yellow belt in Taekwondo. This talkative youth has always been able to captivate others especially adults in conversations regarding his desires to create and build things. He is a giving and caring young man always willing to help those in need. Jeremiah is also a Royal Ambassador and has been one for the past five years. His performance venues include the Triple Tales Festival, Bear on the Square Festival, Kuumba’s Mama Tales, and the NABS 2018 Festival. He won third place in the 2018 Jackie Torrance Tall Tale Contest. He has a storytelling style that immediately engages the audience with jokes or questions.

Jerell

Jerell loves video games. He is a nine-year-old and he wants to be a chef. For now, he specializes in hamburgers, hot dogs, and pancakes. He enjoys drawing, writing stories, and telling stories. In his two years of telling stories, he has performed at the Mama Tales program, Black History Program, The “Father Goose Brigade”- which is a venue of men telling stories to children, and won third place in the Tall Tales contest at the National Black Storyteller’s Festival.

Enama

Enama Arinze is an eleven-year-old girl who loves to read. She began to tell stories when she was four years old. Being an only child, she entertains herself by telling elaborate stories out loud. Enama want to be a computer scientist. She also wants to pursue a career in acting. She enjoys swimming and soccer. She is proud of having won 2nd place in her 4th grade spelling bee.

Madison

Madison is an eight-year-old who wants to be an actress. Her storytelling interest started two years ago when she told the poem “Harriet Tubman” at a Black History event. She has since told stories to her classmates, Mama Tales, and the NABS festival where she won second place in the Tall Tales contest and received the Youth Storytelling Award.

Clayton

Storytelling comes naturally for Clayton Mayfield. This nine-year-old young teller was born into a family of storytellers with his grandparents, mom and cousins all accomplished in telling stories. Some of his favorite venues have been telling “Father Goose: just the guys telling stories,” the Fayette Senior Center, the Peachtree City Dragon Boat Races, Earth Day Stories and virtually for the NSN 2020 Conference. His other interests are playing piano, baking, playing golf and horseback riding.