

STORY TELLER at FLATLAND BLUES FESTIVAL

Jean Pouncil-Burton, the Official Storyteller of Wichita, will “paint with words” at the Flatland Blues Festival in Russell this Saturday.

“Ms. Jean” will tell stories to children in the Play Park at 3:00 pm and to festival goers on the Mainstage at 4:30 pm. Admission to the play park is free for children and punch and cookies will be served.

Pouncil-Burton is a public librarian by trade and has a great love for reading, poetry, and African folktales. She embellishes her presentations with African instruments such as the djembe drum and sherkere along with her mesmerizing voice. She is part of a group of storytellers called The Griots (pronounced gree-yos): Keepers of the Stories. They are keepers of history, philosophy, tradition and mythology. Their stories spring forth from cultures across the globe and contain universal moral truths.

Barrie Tompkins, well known for his portrayal of a Buffalo Soldier from Nicodemus will be the emcee of the Flatland Blues Fest.