

### **About MoonShadow Stories:**

**MoonShadow Stories** celebrate the art of oral storytelling, especially for adults. We invite you to sit back, listen to the beauty of the spoken word, and collectively experience a few moments of quiet contemplation... **MoonShadow Stories** are also available for storytelling for adults in the workplace, storytelling for children, private events, and more. For enquiries, please contact Kamini Ramachandran (Tel: 9273 2383. Email: [kamini@moonshadowstories.org](mailto:kamini@moonshadowstories.org)).

### **About the Storytellers:**

Storytelling has always been vital for **Kamini Ramachandran**, from her earliest memories of her grandparents telling her stories to her efforts in continuing this storytelling tradition with her two young sons everyday since they were six months old. In 2004 Kamini joined forces with Verena Tay to found **MoonShadow Stories** to promote the lost art of the oral narrative. They strongly believe that children will benefit if the beauty and wonder of storytelling is first re-introduced to adults. Hence, they were the first contemporary storytellers in Singapore to focus on storytelling for adults. The Singapore media is also fond of featuring Kamini's talents as a professional storyteller. Not only has she been interviewed on various radio programmes about her work as a storyteller but she has been a regular guest telling stories 'live' on radio since 2005. Kamini is the current President of the Storytelling Association (Singapore) as well as a founder member.

An Associate Artist with The Substation (Singapore's first multidisciplinary arts centre) since 2002, **Verena Tay** has spent more than two decades acting, directing and writing for English-language theatre, working at various times with The Necessary Stage, Action Theatre, TheatreWorks and Practice Theatre. Since 1997, she has been concentrating on solo performances, most of which have been featured at The Substation with its support. In addition, Verena uses all her theatrical background to bring stories vocally and physically alive in her unique fashion. Together with Kamini Ramachandran with whom she founded **MoonShadow Stories** in November 2004, Verena has been telling stories at The Substation, the Armenian Church, local museums and within the community, much to the delight and enjoyment of adults and children. From Aug to Nov 2007, Verena was an Honorary Fellow with the renowned International Writing Program (University of Iowa, USA), gaining much insight on the craft of writing from her peers around the world; in the US, she told tales from Southeast Asia, entertaining and fascinating audiences in New York state and New Orleans. For more information, please visit <http://verenatay.com>.

### **Look Out For:**

## **Fracture: Storytelling for Adults**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> & Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008; 8 pm  
The Random Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), The Substation  
Payment: By Donation Limited Seating Available

### **To register:**

Please contact Kamini Ramachandran (Tel: 9273 2383. Email: [kamini@moonshadowstories.org](mailto:kamini@moonshadowstories.org)).

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# Charming...

~ STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS ~

### **Featuring:**

**Kamini Ramachandran**  
**Verena Tay**

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May 2008

8 pm

The Random Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), The Substation

**Payment: Min. \$10 Donation**

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## References

### **Meat of the Tongue**

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### **Naiia & the Moon**

Edwards, Carolyn McVickar. (2003). 'River Moon Lily'. In *The Light of The Moon: Thirteen Lunar Tales from around the World Illuminating Life's Mysteries*. ISBN: 1-56924-443-X. New York: Marlowe & Company, pp. 147–150.

### **The Cat of Cats**

Nuweihed, Jamal Sleem. (1990). 'The Cat of Cats'. *Abu Jmeel's Daughter and Other Stories: Arab Folk Tales from Palestine and Lebanon*. ISBN: 1-56656-418-2. New York: Interlink Books, pp. 264–271.

### **The First Shaman**

Batin Long bin Hok. (2003). 'The Tale of the First Shaman'. *Bes Hyang Dney and Other Jah Hut Stories*. Transcribed, translated & annotated by Duncan Holaday, Chin Woon Ping & Teoh Boon Seong. ISBN: 983-40042-2-2. Subang Jaya, Malaysia: Centre for Orang Asli Concerns, pp. 55–87.

### **The Masks of the Moon**

Edwards, Carolyn McVickar. (2003). 'The Masks of the Moon'. In *The Light of The Moon: Thirteen Lunar Tales from around the World Illuminating Life's Mysteries*. ISBN: 1-56924-443-X. New York: Marlowe & Company, pp. 111–116.

### **The Cat Who Came Indoors**

Tracey, Hugh. 'The Cat Who Came Indoors'. In Mandela, Nelson (Ed.). (2002). *Favorite African Folktales*. ISBN: 0-9-393-32624-1. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., pp. 21–23.

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Need some balm to ease the hum-drumness and irritations of everyday life? Moonshadow Stories offer you the ideal solution! Come listen to us and let us charm you with tales of charisma, tales of magick, tales of wonder and we guarantee an experience that will delight the senses and nourish the soul...

### **Order of Stories**

#### **Meat of the Tongue** (Swahili): Retold by Verena

Men: Discover the secret of how to keep your women healthy and happy.

#### **Naiia & the Moon** (South America): Retold by Kamini

Listen to this tale of love, yearning and single-minded devotion to one's true love... Listen to how the greatest water-blossom in the world, the spectacular Amazonian giant water lily, came to be...

#### **The Cat of Cats** (Arab): Retold by Verena

A wise man tells a young prince that his destiny lies within a ruined house. There the prince finds a beautiful cat. He brings the cat to his palace and brings home more than he bargained for...

### **BREAK**

#### **The First Shaman** (Jah Hut/Orang Asli): Retold by Kamini

Bongsu, a young boy, is the 'chosen one' who goes on a special spiritual journey and becomes the first shaman or 'puyang' of the Jah Hut people, able to fight the 'bes', or spirits, that cause disease and suffering among his people.

#### **The Masks of the Moon** (Alutiiq, Kodiak Islands): Retold by Verena

Two girl cousins desire to marry the Moon. But which of the two will be the most patient enough to make the journey to his home and become his wife? And what will she discover at the home of the Moon, so far away from the Earth?

#### **The Cat Who Came Indoors** (Shona, Zimbabwe): Retold by Kamini & Verena

Once there was a wild cat who wanted to befriend the finest creature in all the jungle. Listen to her journey of discovery...