TEJAS STORÝTELLING FESTIVAL MARCH 30 – APRIL 1, 2007 CIVIC CENTER PARK, DENTON, TX FEATURING DEAF STORÝTELLER PETER S. COOK



Peter S. Cook is an internationally reputed Deaf performing artist whose works incorporates American Sign Language, pantomime, storytelling, acting, and movement. Peter has traveled extensively around the country and aboard with Flying Words Project to promote ASL Literature with Kenny Lerner since 1986. Peter has appeared in Live from Off Center's "Words on Mouth" (PBS) and "United States of Poetry" (PBS) produced by Emmy winner Bob Holman. Peter teaches at Columbia College where he received the 1997 Excellence in Teaching award. In 1998, Peter set up a video production called PC Production and now based in Chicago. Peter was featured nationally in festivals such as the Jonesboro National Storytelling festival, Oklahoma City Winter Tales, Illinois Storytelling Festival, Indiana Hoosier Storytelling Festival, Eugene Oregon Multi-

Cultural Festival, and The Deaf Way II and the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Peter was invited to the White House to join the National Book Festival in 2003. Internationally, Peter has worked with Deaf storytellers/poets in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, Austria and Japan. Peter lives in Chicago and teaches in ASL-English Interpretation Department at Columbia College. He loves to tell stories to his son.

Peter S. Cook will perform Friday, March 30 7:30-10:00pm, Saturday, March 31 2:30-3:30, 7:30-10:00pm and Sunday April 1 1:00-2:00pm.

Returning this year Fantastic National, Regional and Local Tellers Youth Tellers Workshops for artists, educators and librarians Thursday Night Ghost Tales Native American Tales Talespinner Party Cowboy Poetry and Music.

The National and Regional Tellers for the 2007 Texas Storytelling Festival are; Dan Keding, Olga Loya, Peter Cook with interpreter Keith Wann, Don Sanders, Eldrena Douma and Bernadette Nasson.

There will be a couple ASL interpreters in Quakertown Tent during the evening of March 30 and 31 for other storytellers.

Check <u>www.tejasstorytelling.com</u> for more detailed information.