



Nelson Mandela's
FAVORITE AFRICAN FOLKTALES

"It is my wish that the voice of the storyteller may never die in Africa, that all the children of the world may experience the wonder of books."

- Nelson Mandela, from the foreword of
Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library & The Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County Cordially Invite You to Attend

Two-Day Celebration Dedicated to African Storytelling...

Featuring an Exhibition of Original Artwork from

*Nelson Mandela's Favorite
African Folktales*

**Guest Speaker: Achmat Dangor,
Author and Former Chief Executive of the
Nelson Mandela's Children's Fund**

*"Africa's Renaissance depends on how the
current generation of children is prepared,
through education and socialization.
Storytelling is an ancient social-tool in Africa,
combining entertainment, education and the
creation of moral codes. The revival of
storytelling is part of the African re-birth."*

– Achmat Dangor

Copies of *Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales*
and Mr. Dangor's book *Kafka's Curse* will be
available for a contribution to the Library
Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2002

- 6:30 p.m. Welcoming Remarks,
Ring of Knowledge
- 6:45 p.m. Sowande' Eddie Nicholson, Musician &
Sharon Holley, Storyteller
- 7:00 p.m. Featured Guest Speaker: Achmat Dangor
Topic: "African Storytelling, Imagining the
Past, Understanding the Future"
- 8:00 p.m. Art Exhibit Viewing & Reception
Opening Exhibition of Original Artwork
from *Nelson Mandela's Favorite
African Folktales*
- Display of the B&ECPL's Collection
of African Authors
- Light Refreshments

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002

1:00-3:00 p.m. Family Program

Welcoming Remarks,
Mason O. Damon Auditorium
African American Cultural Center -
Children's Dance and Drum
Performing Troupe

Sharon Holley -
Librarian, Author and Storyteller

Celes Tisdale -
Educator, Poet, Actor, Author
and Storyteller

Yvonne Harris -
Actor and Storyteller

Kasiya Makaka Phiri,
Featured Guest Storyteller and Musician
Contributor of the story *The Mother Who
Turned to Dust* to the Mandela collection.

All activities are free and open to the public;
however, seating is limited.

Art Exhibition Viewing Available During Regular Library Hours Throughout the Month of December.