

Myth, Metaphor & Music

Heroic Adventures in Creative Writing

FOR ADULTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Whether you're a writer of songs or novels, experienced or a beginner, you'll enjoy this fresh approach to the craft of writing.

In this program, songwriter Sheri Kling takes participants on an exploration of the role of the writer/artist as interpreter of events, the power of metaphor to transform, and using the artistic and psychological pattern of the hero's journey to discover one's unique gifts. Supported by the use of her own compositions "Train to Metaphor" and "I Burn for You (Chicago, 1903)" (a song in which a fictional character is set within an historical event), Sheri explores such ideas as:

- The Hero archetype as a pattern in literature and in life
- Metaphor and the use of symbolic thinking and language
- How the creative interpretation of events can spark compassion and empathy
- How events are humanized and personalized through story
- Ways to approach creative writing decisions about setting, point of view and "voice" and developing rapport with a character that is unlike the writer
- Opening up space in one's life for imagination, inspiration and creative expression

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~ Wade Tatangelo, Bradenton Herald

"I highly recommend Sheri Kling as a guest speaker to any English or Humanities classroom. Her presentation is one students will remember for years."

~ Rebecca Perkins, Alpharetta High School

Northside Branch Library

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008

11:00am—1:00pm

Location: 3295 Northside Pkwy, Atlanta, GA

Seating is limited—to reserve your spot, call: 404-814-3510

Students should bring their own pens and pads to write

There is no charge to attend this workshop.



Presenter: Sheri Kling is an **accomplished singer-songwriter, guitarist and storyteller** who weaves together powerful music and vivid stories to inspire people to find the stories at the center of their own lives. Described by Florida's Bradenton Herald as a "natural Southern gal storyteller in the Lucinda Williams/Flannery O'Connor vein," Kling moved away from metro Atlanta just over a year ago to fulfill her long-time dream of living in the mountains. Since moving to Habersham County, she has become a community columnist for The Northeast Georgian newspaper and appeared onstage at the Sautee-Nacoochee Center in the premiere production of "Headwaters: Stories from a Goodly Portion of Beautiful Northeast Georgia." Sheri has released three critically acclaimed music CDs since 2002 and her recorded commentaries have been aired on Georgia Public Broadcasting. She is currently preparing to release a compilation volume of her essays.

Sheri has shared the stage with such accomplished artists as Indigo Girls, Carrie Newcomer, Pierce Pettis, David LaMotte, Shawn Mullins, Caroline Aiken, Vigilantes of Love, Don Conoscenti and Kim and Reggie Harris. Sheri has also taught "Songwriting from the Inside Out" at the Sandhills Literary Conference at Augusta State University and teaches "Myth, Metaphor & Music: Heroic Adventures in Creative Writing" at high schools and for adults. Her website is www.sherikling.com.