

Griotess (Storyteller)



Reanae's specialty is storytelling in the African, Afro Indigenous, and African American tradition. This cultural extravaganza of stories, music, song, dance and rituals provides a dynamic introduction to the stories, dance, music and cultural history of these art forms. Reanae plays over 20 different traditional African and Native instruments.

As Reanae tells her stories, she interweaves them with the singing of blues, jazz, chants, shouts, and African American spirituals to convey a message of hope and healing. African dance movements and Afro Indigenous praise hoop dance accent her many stories of empowerment and history.

Audience participation is an integral part of this activity as she unfolds a multiplicity of cultural stories and original stories about her family. Reanae strongly feels that participation strengthens the impact of the "life lessons" within her stories. It is ideally suited for college presentations, coffee houses, school assemblies, seminars, workshops, outdoor festivals, churches, and large group gatherings.