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***Stories from the Stage* to Premiere Season 7
on WORLD with New Slate of Storytellers**

*Theresa Okokon and Wes Hazard host new episodes
of multicultural storytelling series, starting October 16 on WORLD*

*Special episodes Sacred Circle and On Sacred Ground spotlight Native storytellers
leading into Native American Heritage Month*

BOSTON (September 26, 2023) – [Stories from the Stage](#), the WORLD-original series showcasing extraordinary stories told by ordinary people from all walks of life, premieres its seventh season on Monday, October 16 at 9:30pm EST. Series hosts, humorists and storytellers Theresa Okokon and Wes Hazard set the stage for the evening's theme and welcome each episode's three amateur storytellers to perform for a live audience. Season 7 of *Stories from the Stage* features new episodes premiering Mondays at 9:30pm EST through June 2024 on WORLD and streaming across WORLD digital platforms, including [YouTube](#). This season features four special episodes taped in Arizona and Nebraska. [Flourishing in the Desert](#) (October 16) and [All Connected](#) (November 20) are produced in collaboration with Arizona PBS, and [On Sacred Ground](#) (October 23) and [Sacred Circle](#) (November 13) are produced in collaboration with Nebraska Public Media and Vision Maker Media.

“Season 7 premieres with seven Native storytellers from seven different tribes in three states, all taped at Nebraska Public Media. At Arizona PBS, seven more storytellers share compelling stories about overcoming the odds to connect deeply with their communities,” said Liz Cheng, general manager for WORLD and co-executive producer of *Stories from the Stage*. “Get ready to be moved, inspired and entertained as we witness the enduring appeal of extraordinary stories that define uniquely American experiences.”

Connection through identity is interwoven throughout *Stories from the Stage*. Audiences will find humor, poignant lessons and moments of triumph in episodes such as *Finding Family* (December 4), *Bucket List* (January 8), *Quest* (January 22), *From the Heart* (February 12), *Extraordinary Women* (March 4), *Be the Change* (March 18), *Belonging* (May 6) and *Sound Check* (May 13).

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Audiences can view *Stories from the Stage* on WORLD, YouTube, worldchannel.org and the PBS App. Individual stories and exclusive digital content can also be viewed on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and on the WORLD [YouTube Channel](#). The series can also be experienced via podcast with [Stories from the Stage: The Podcast](#) bringing deep dives, interviews and more, with highlights selected by series co-creators and podcast co-hosts Patricia Alvarado Núñez and Liz Cheng. Select stories from *Stories from the Stage* broadcast Fridays on *The World*, a globally-focused radio program from PRX and GBH.

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