

Interview With Storyteller Adam Booth

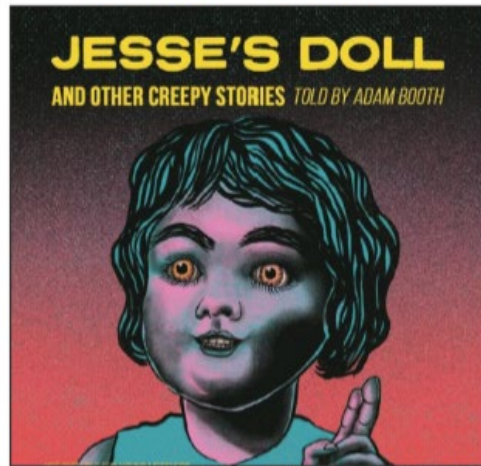


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Spooky Appalachian stories were told in celebration of Halloween by storyteller Adam Booth on Oct. 25 at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

Speaking prior to the performance, Booth said, "I will share a number of spooky stories."

"So, we'll just kind of go around the spectrum of spooky stories in our region," he said. "So, there'll be some ghost stories. There'll be some witches in there. There will be some other creepy possessed things like the title story of 'Jesse's Doll.'"

Booth created a new story based on the organ at the Keith Albee; he collaborated with an organist during the telling of the story.

"I'm also creating a new story based off a little bit of folklore that is about the organ in the Keith Albee Theater, which I'm calling it the 'Keith Albee Phantom Organ,'" Booth said. "I'm collaborating with an organist. So, there's an organist in town who's going to be playing the organ at the theater while I'm telling that final story."

Booth said he was excited to perform at the

Keith Albee because he attended shows there when he was a child.

"So, I grew up in Huntington, and when I was a boy, I went to movies; I saw movies at the Keith Albee back when it was still a movie theater," Booth said. "And I also went to the Keith Albee for the Marshall Artists Series. I can remember seeing concerts from the Marshall Artists Series when I was a kid."

"I knew early on that I would be some type of artist or performer in my life, and I always thought I would love to come back and perform on this stage," Booth said. "And here it is. It's like a complete circle that's happening."

Booth said he enjoys traveling to different communities, telling stories and interacting with new people.

"I love to go to new places and meet new people and listen to their stories and learn about communities and learn about the traditions that they have there," Booth said. "That I get to have a job where I get to combine all those things is something that makes me feel really fortunate."