

# NATIONAL YOUTH STORYTELLING SHOWCASE

Join us in welcoming these outstanding youth storytellers! They are the best of the best from across the nation. These youth tellers will perform Friday and Saturday morning at the Festival. They also provided the preshow concert at The Shops at Riverwoods on Wednesday night.



## **Phoebe Beckelhymer • 4<sup>th</sup> Grade • Texas**

Phoebe has never met a stranger. She would pick up and pet a tarantula if you let her, and manners are very important to her. Storytelling is among her favorite things to do and she brightens any room she walks into. It seems she is either singing or dancing all day long.



## **Darby Tassell • 9<sup>th</sup> Grade • Kentucky**

Darby is a freshman at Bowling Green High in Kentucky. She has been on the speech team since grade 6. Now a freshman, she played the Narrator in the high school production of *Charlotte's Web* and took third place in broadcasting and prose at the KESDA statewide speech tournament.



## **Liam Robinson • 9<sup>th</sup> Grade • Utah**

Liam has been storytelling since second grade. He lives a life full of mischief, so he has lots of material to work with. He enjoys school. He loves taking road trips,—especially if they end up at a summer home in Ontario, Canada. He plays tennis, runs track, and skis.



## **Daxton Watts • 6<sup>th</sup> Grade • Utah**

Daxton likes stories that make him laugh and he hopes his audiences laugh at the stories he tells. He has been listening to and telling stories most of his life. Daxton also lives on the competitive soccer field, plays piano, and just picked up the trumpet.



## **Kalena Slaton • 9<sup>th</sup> Grade • Florida**

Kalena is a student at Howard W. Blake Magnet High School of the Performing Arts, in Tampa. She was the *Critics Choice Winner* of 2014 in Junior Thespians for her monologue. She recently performed at the Florida Storytelling Festival in 2016 as a featured Youth Teller and has been an Storytelling Ambassador for five years.



## **Emily Wilson • 11<sup>th</sup> Grade • Texas**

Emily is an 11th grader from San Antonio, Texas. She has attended Saint Mary's Hall since the first grade and is new to storytelling, although she has previously competed in speech events with her school. Emily also runs track and has competed nationally in both javelin throwing and pole vaulting.



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