

FIRST VOICE STORY CIRCLE OF THE JAPANESE DIASPORA



WHY STORY

a free international ZOOM event

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024, 10:00 AM - NOON PDT

The Story Circle is a gathering and celebration of life, a place where our people can connect to one another, find solace and continue.

100+ people from all of the U.S. and abroad gather each year. Please bring a personal talisman and family photo(s) to share.

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First Voice presents the fourth annual **Story Circle of the Japanese Diaspora: Why Story**, created and conceived by America's first nationally recognized Asian American storyteller, **Brenda Wong Aoki** and jazz pioneer composer **Mark Izu**.

The purpose of the annual **Story Circle** is to bring together the lost tribe of people of Japanese descent who were forced to scatter during the incarceration, embrace our mixed-race children and the Shin-Issei community in order to heal, comfort, & strengthen through the power of personal story.

This year's **Story Circle** features host **Eryn Kimura** (Hapa Gosei filmmaker & multimedia artist, San Francisco), **Hafez Modirzadeh** (Persian composer/musician, San Francisco), **Kenny Endo** (Taiko Master, Hawaii), **Mas Koga** (Shin-Issei musician/composer, New York), **Derek Nakamoto** (Hapa Sansei composer/musician, Los Angeles), **Sara Sithi-Amnuai** (Hapa Nisei musician, Los Angeles), **devorah major** (3rd poet laureate of San Francisco), **Alton Takiyama-Chung** (master storyteller, Hawaii), **Eshu Bumpus** (master storyteller, Massachusetts), **Motoko** (Master storyteller, Massachusetts), and a digital collage designed by **Andi Wong**.

Facilitators are from all over the U.S., Hawaii, Canada, and Brazil.



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