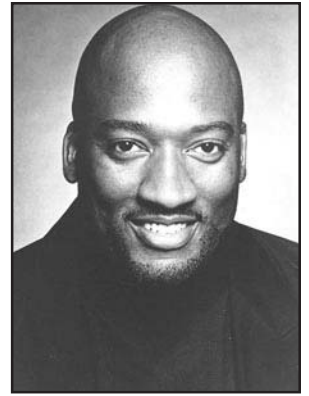


A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen Returns

Based on the overwhelming response last year, the **21st annual A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen—A Celebration of Stories** will march on as it has for many years! **Illustrator and author Bryan Collier** will be the featured guest for the two-day event on **April 20-21** at the **Main Library** in downtown Columbia.

Collier has been painting since he was 15. In 2000, he published his first book, *Uptown*, which won both the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration and the Ezra Jack Keats New Illustrator Award. He has since received the Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration for *Rosa*, three Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award Honors for *Martin's Big Words*, *Freedom River* and *Visiting Langston*, and two Caldecott Honor Designations for *Martin's Big Words* and *Rosa*.

Sponsored by RCPL and the USC School of Library and Information Science, A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen will feature a **lecture by Bryan Collier at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 20**. Collier will be introduced by members of Dutch Fork High School's Theater Department who, under the direction of Dr. Cynthia Seel, will perform a short play based on Collier's work. **Storytelling for Families**, featuring regional and local storytellers, will be held **from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21**. Both events, which are free and open to the public, will be held at the Main Library.



A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen: A Celebration of Stories



RCPL's annual celebration of stories brings to life the world of storytelling and children's literature and pays tribute to **Augusta Baker** (1911-1998). A gifted storyteller and nationally influential librarian, Augusta Baker left behind a legacy of storytelling, inspiring others to introduce children to the magic of literature and stories.

Mrs. Baker moved to Columbia in 1980 and was appointed the Storyteller-in-Residence at the USC, after spending most of her professional career as Coordinator of Children's Services at the New York Public Library.

A(ugusta) Baker's Dozen: A Celebration of Stories continues Mrs. Baker's mission of opening the world of other cultures to children, crossing racial, social and geographical boundaries.



Visit the library's Web site,
www.richland.lib.sc.us/baker.htm,
for more details on this year's event.

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