MYTHIC JOURNEYS MARKETPLACE FEATURES VENDORS AND ARTISTS WHO WORK WITH MYTHIC THEMES

Sculptors, weavers, and booksellers among those selling their wares at annual conference and performance festival celebrating the power of myth

Atlanta, GA – The third annual Mythic Journeys conference and performance festival once again will play host to a wide array of artisans in its Mythic Marketplace. Potters, sculptors and other artists will be selling their creations to event guests and attendees June 7-11, 2006 at the Atlanta Hyatt Regency Hotel.

According to Marketplace Chair Kathleen Pope Bingaman, the Marketplace is intended to “highlight artists who are working with mythic themes in creating their art; who have been inspired by myth, culture and legend in their creations; or who are actively recreating the symbols and mythic art of their culture.”

The Marketplace also provides an opportunity for Mythic Journeys participants to purchase the books and music of this year’s presenters. Event partner, the Atlanta-based Phoenix and Dragon Bookstore, will provide these resources.

Live music will give the Marketplace not just the look but also the sound and feel of a village market. Guests and attendees interested in becoming part of this unique environment can help to create a community quilt at the onsite quilting Imagination Station.
Marketplace vendors include:

**And Sarah Laughed** – a local potter who works with natural elements to create useful objects that are also beautiful. [www.andsarahlaughed.com](http://www.andsarahlaughed.com)

**Forest Rogers** – a sculptor working with a variety of media to create figures out of myth and imagination. [www.forestrogers.com](http://www.forestrogers.com)

**Nettle and Green Thread** – a weaver who creates beautiful hand woven shawls, throws and pillows, and who lectures on the symbology of weaving as a metaphor for life. [www.weavingthedream.com](http://www.weavingthedream.com)

**Prairie Tradewinds** – a quilter and worker of porcupine quillwork who creates wall hangings, medicine bags and ornamented feathers.

**Kashmir Dream** – a vendor selling handmade carpets and scarves from India’s Kashmir region, as well as salt lamps and Sufi materials.

**Karen Guerin** – an artist working with mythic forms. A lot of her work is reminiscent of early cave paintings

Organized by the Atlanta-based nonprofit Mythic Imagination Institute, the second Mythic Journeys conference and performance festival will bring together more than 100 of the world’s leading scholars, psychologists, educators, business leaders, authors, artists, filmmakers and performers for an unprecedented dialogue on the importance of storytelling in contemporary life. The first Mythic Journeys was held in June 2004 in celebration of the Joseph Campbell Centennial.

For more information on the Mythic Journeys Marketplace, visit [www.mythicjourneys.org](http://www.mythicjourneys.org) or contact Kathleen Pope Bingaman at (404) 584-3492.

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**About the Mythic Imagination Institute**

**Mythic Imagination Institute** is an Atlanta-based nonprofit arts and education corporation that seeks to activate imagination and intelligence by increasing mythic literacy. Through conferences, performances, art exhibitions, publications and other programs, the Institute builds bridges between disciplines: artists, business professionals, scholars, scientists and anyone who loves stories. Mythic Imagination endeavors to bring the wisdom waiting inside the great myths, folklore and stories of the world to a wider audience in the hope of creating a world with more tolerance, passion, wonder and creativity. For more information, visit [www.mythicimagination.org](http://www.mythicimagination.org).

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