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### **Free Storytelling through the Performing Arts at downtown Central Library, Sat., Oct. 17, with Performing Books presentation of "Tubby the Tuba"**

Performing Books begins its seventh season of storytelling through the performing arts with "Tubby the Tuba," the beloved children's story by Paul Tripp, at the downtown Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium, 630 W. Fifth St., on Sat., Oct. 17. Half-hour shows are at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The story is presented by Peter Kors, storyteller, with Chuck Koontz on the tuba and Alan Steinberger on the synthesizer.

The 2009-10 free series runs through Sat., Jan. 23, 2010.

Performing Books is designed to introduce children ages 4-10 to the performing arts through books, offering them and their families the unique opportunity to hear stories read by professional storytellers and to see and hear them brought to life by professional artists through song, dance, voice and instruments.

The Los Angeles Public Library presents the Performing Books series in collaboration with the Music Center. The series is sponsored by the Jo Mitchell Foundation. Additional support is provided by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

The program details follow:

#### **Sat., Oct. 17**

**Tubby the Tuba** by Paul Tripp, illustrated by Henry Cole

Performing artists: Chuck Koontz, tuba; Alan Steinberger, synthesizer; Peter Kors, storyteller

In this beloved children's story, Tubby the Tuba is tired of repeating *oompah, oompah*, until he meets frog. Together they show the orchestra that tubas can play melodies as well as other instruments.

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**Sat., Nov. 7**

**Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum** by Robert Andre Parker

Performing artists: Chris Dawson, jazz pianist; Gerald James, storyteller

As the young Art Tatum's vision begins to fade, he learns to play the piano by listening to his mother's player piano. Through the power of music, he forgets that he is blind and goes on to become a legendary "giant of Jazz."

**Sat., Dec. 5**

**The Composer is Dead** by Lemony Snicket, illustrated by Carson Ellis

Performing artists: Keith Berger, mime; Alan Steinberger, synthesizer; David Prather, storyteller

The composer is dead and the inspector must investigate all the instruments in the orchestra to find out who is responsible.

**Sat., Jan. 23, 2010**

**Opera Cat** by Tess Weaver

Performing artists: Heather Calvete, opera singer; Linda Zoolalian, pianist; Peter Kors, storyteller

Alma the cat loves opera. When opera diva Madame SoSo loses her voice, Alma steps in with her extraordinary singing voice to save the day.

Parking is available in the 524 S. Flower St. Garage for \$1 with library card validation. For more information, call (213) 228-7480 or visit [www.lapl.org/kidspath](http://www.lapl.org/kidspath).

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