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**MIXED REMIXED FESTIVAL
STORYTELLER'S PRIZE PRESENTATION HONORS:
COMEDY CENTRAL'S HIT COMEDIC DUO KEY & PEELE
AND
NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST SUSAN STRAIGHT**

(Los Angeles, CA) *Mixed Remixed Festival* will present the annual *Storyteller's Prizes* to *Comedy Central's* hit comedic duo Key & Peele and *National Book Award* Finalist Susan Straight on June 14, 2014 at 6:30pm at the *Japanese American National Museum* in downtown Los Angeles, 100 N. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The Festival, which takes place **June 14**, celebrates stories of the Mixed experience and stories of multiracial Americans, the fastest growing demographic in America. **A free public event**, the Festival brings together film and book lovers, innovative and emerging artists, and multiracial families and individuals for workshops, readings, and film screenings. The Festival is the largest West Coast celebration of *Loving Day*, a nationwide grassroots celebration of the Supreme Court decision that affirmed the right of people to marry interracially.

The *Storyteller's Prizes* are awarded each year to artists, scholars and activists who have shown a dedication to celebrating and illuminating the Mixed experience.

The 2014 Storyteller's Prize recipients are:

Comedy Central's hit comedic duo Key & Peele:

Originally hailing from New York, **Jordan Peele** moved to Chicago, where he performed at both Second City Chicago and ImprovOlympic. Peele then crossed the pond to Amsterdam to work with Boom Chicago Theater, but was lured back to the States by a starring (and Emmy-nominated) role on five seasons of *MADtv*. Currently, he plays Dr. Brian on Adult Swim's *Children's Hospital*, and has also appeared on TVs *RENO 911!* and *Love Bites*. Peele has appeared in such movies as *Little Fockers* and the upcoming *Wanderlust*.

Keegan-Michael Key got his start in comedy at Second City Detroit, and later moved on to their Chicago company where he received awards for his writing and performance. While still in Chicago, Key made the jump to TV, starring in Fox's *MADtv* for six seasons, and scoring recurring roles on shows like *RENO 911!* and *Gary Unmarried*. Key can also be seen on the big screen in movies including *Role Models*, *Due Date*, and *Just Go With It*.

Susan Straight: Susan Straight was born in Riverside and still lives there with her family. She has published seven novels and one middle-grade reader. *Highwire Moon* was a finalist for the *National Book Award* in 2001; *A Million Nightingales* was a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize* in 2006. Her short stories have appeared in *Zoetrope*, *The Ontario Review*, *The Oxford American*, *The Sun*, *Black Clock*, and other magazines. “The Golden Gopher,” from *Los Angeles Noir*, won the Edgar Award in 2007; “El Ojo de Agua,” from *Zoetrope*, won an O. Henry Award in 2007. Her essays have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Reader’s Digest*, *Family Circle*, *Salon*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Harpers*, *The Nation*, and other magazines. She was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to work on *Highwire Moon*, and a Lannan Prize was an immense help when working on *Take One Candle Light a Room*.

The Festival, a fiscally sponsored project of *Fractured Atlas*, a non-profit arts service organization, is produced by *New York Times* best-selling author Heidi Durrow (*The Girl Who Fell From the Sky*, Algonquin Books) and a wonderful group of volunteers.

The event is free and open to the public. A hosted dessert reception will immediately follow the awards presentation and live performance. The *Storyteller’s Prizes* will be presented as part of the Festival’s dynamic live performance which features some of the best comedians, musicians and spoken word poets. Reservations—which will open Feb. 14, 2014—are strongly encouraged. For more information visit www.mixedremixed.org.

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