

Maya Angelou was born April 4, 1928 in St. Louis, Missouri. In her life of 86 years, Angelou published seven autobiographies, three books of essays, several books of poetry, and a list of plays, movies, and television shows spanning over 50 years. Her autobiography I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings tells of her life up to the age of 17 and brought her international recognition and acclaim and a National Book Award. When I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings was published in 1969, Angelou was hailed as a new kind of memoirist. She was one of the first African-American women to publicly discuss her personal life.

She was respected as a spokesperson for black people and women, and her works have been considered a defense of black culture. Her works are widely used in schools and universities worldwide.

This living history portrayal will give insight into how she wrote, and why, and reflect on her philosophy of life, which included a strong belief in the power of words.

Becky Stone holds a B.A. in Drama from Vassar College and a M.A. from Villanova University in Elementary Educational Counseling. Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, Ms. Stone became a storyteller upon moving South 37 years ago. Her acting credits include Lime Kiln Arts Theater, VA, Warehouse Theatre, Greenville, SC, Haywood Arts Regional Theatre, Southern Appalachian Repertory Theater, Asheville Community Theatre, Highland Repertory Theatre, Asheville Contemporary Dance Theater in Asheville and Merida, Mexico, and Asheville on Broadway. Ms. Stone has presented at North Carolina and Colorado Chautauqua festivals as Harriet Tubman and Rosa Parks.





### **Schedule**

## Tuesday, 2/19/19

Pueblo Community College, Pueblo 11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

# Wednesday, 2/20/19

Robert Hoag Rawlings Library, Pueblo 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### Thursday, 2/21/19

Bemis Public Library, Littleton 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

## Friday, 2/22/19

Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, Colorado Springs 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. \$5.00 admission

## Saturday, 2/23/19

Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Library, Denver 2:30 to 4:00 p.m

#### Tuesday, 2/26/19

Metropolitan State University (Tivoli), Denver 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

# Tuesday, 2/26/19

Colorado Mountain College (Spring Valley Campus), Glenwood Springs 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, 2/27/19

Colorado Mountain College (Rifle Campus), Rifle 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

# Thursday, 2/28/19

Community College of Aurora, Aurora 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

# Thursday, 2/28/19

Longmont Public Library, Longmont 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.