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**Emerald Necklace Conservancy presents “Story in the Park”**

*Families and children are invited to listen to nature tales read aloud by Alecia Batson*

Monday, October 10, 2:00pm and 3:00pm

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Sunday, October 23, 2:00pm

Emerald Necklace Visitor Center, 125 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115

**Boston, MA – October 5, 2011**– Join the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Alecia Batson for “Story in the Park,” an exploration of nature and its beauty through readings of award-winning children’s nature stories. Batson will lead young nature enthusiasts on a journey through literary landscapes created by our natural surroundings. “Story in the Park is a wonderful way to share my love of reading and the natural world with others,” Batson says.

Trained at New England Conservatory, Alecia is a Boston-based actress, singer and voice-over talent. “Care for the environment has always been a priority for me and I've always loved reading. I was looking for a way to combine these two passions and share them with others,” Batson remarked.

Batson’s story hour is just one of many events being held during the Conservancy’s Open House, part of the “Fenway Opening Our Doors” event on Columbus Day, October 10. Now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the festival is a free celebration of local arts and culture. Batson will hold two readings at the new Emerald Necklace Visitor and Volunteer Center at 125 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115, one at 2:00 p.m. and another at 3:00 p.m. There will be a repeat performance on Sunday, October 23 at 2:00pm.

For more information, please contact Jeanie Knox at [jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:jeanine@emeraldnecklace.org) or at 617-522-2700. To learn more about Alecia Batson, please visit [www.aleciabatson.com](http://www.aleciabatson.com).

For additional Conservancy Open House events, visit  
<http://emeraldnecklace.org/calendar/fenwaydoors2011/>

For more information on Fenway Opening Our Doors, visit  
<http://www.fenwayculture.org/>

### **About the Emerald Necklace Conservancy**

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy, a private nonprofit organization, brings people together to renew, enliven and advocate for the six Emerald Necklace parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. Our programs and projects reflect this mission and include: Parks restoration and maintenance; stewardship and volunteer activities, educational programs and tours; as well as special events in the parks. The Conservancy builds strong partnerships with the public sector park owners, neighborhoods and individuals, and businesses and organizations in order to keep the Olmsted-designed Emerald Necklace parks healthy and vibrant for today and tomorrow. To learn more, please visit [www.emeraldnecklace.org](http://www.emeraldnecklace.org). Contact us at [info@emeraldnecklace.org](mailto:info@emeraldnecklace.org) or call 617-522-2700.