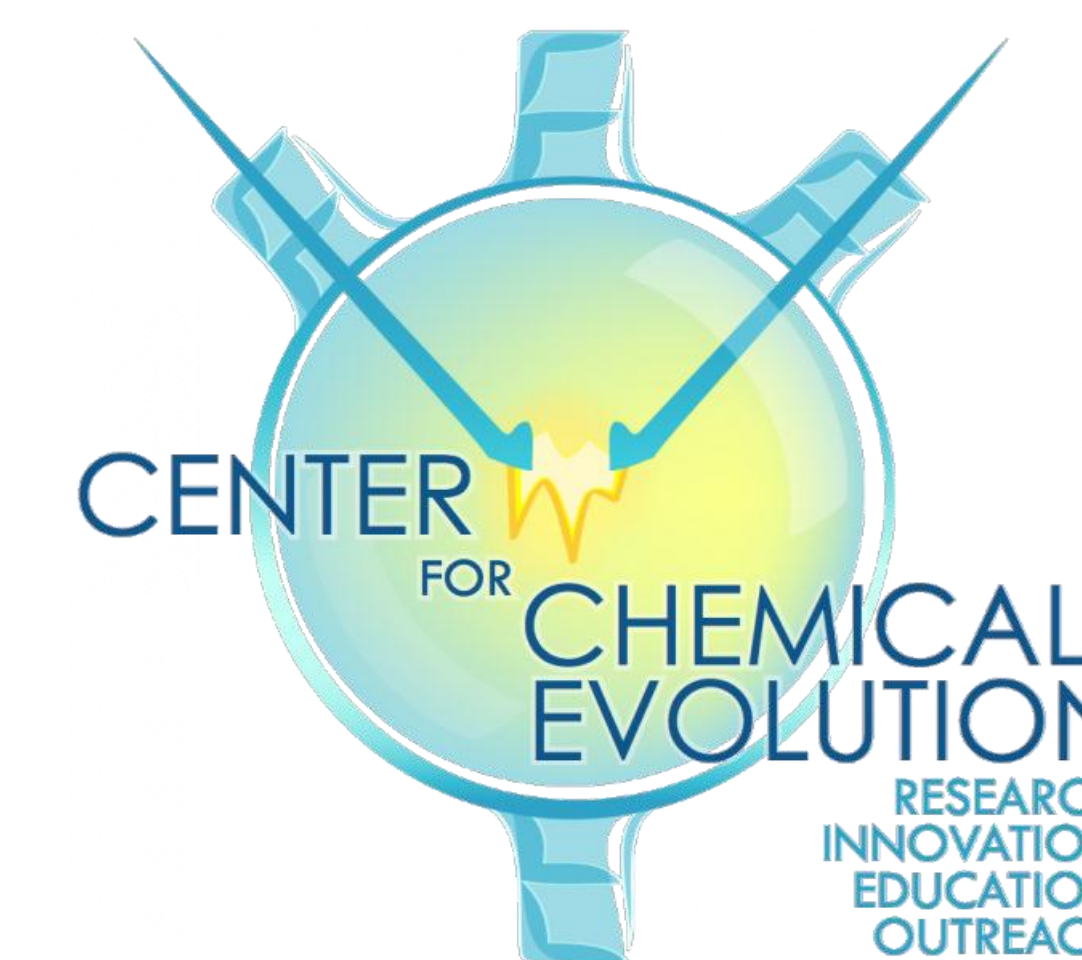


Scientific storytelling: a CCI informal education partnership



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Telling stories (on the radio)

- The average adult spends little of their life in school; free-choice learning is essential for a popular understanding of science.
- Stories improve comprehension and thinking skill, create meaning, enhance memory, and foster a motivation and enthusiasm for learning.
- **Small Matters** tells stories accessible to people of all ages, incomes, and places.

Covering a wide range of chemistry in the Atlanta region, nine stories have been completed thus far for the **Small Matters** series. Three more are due this fall. A full third focus on CCE-connected science. Topics include the chemistries of cooking, copepods coral, and cancer; probing our cosmic position, we broadcast on interstellar chemistry, faith and reason, and of course, the origins of life.

Dissemination

In addition to posting on the Public Radio Exchange, radio stations and national programs have picked up our Small Matters series. Most recently, the story "Two Views on How Life Began" was featured on the nationally known program, *Living on Earth*; all stories were aired in a weeklong series on WABE, the Atlanta NPR station. **Listen online at smallmatters.org**

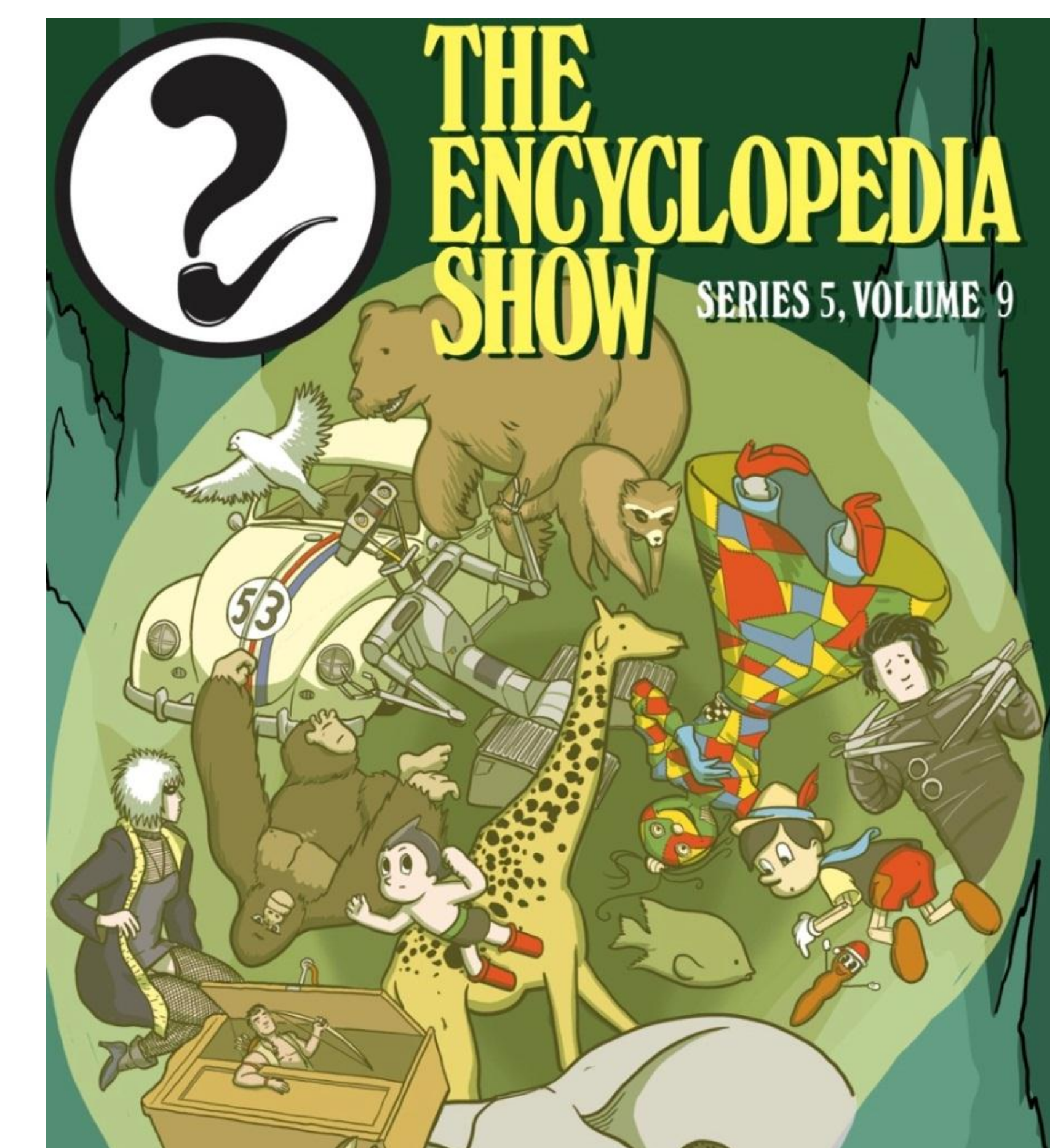


Going beyond the airwaves

We recognize of the fact that public radio listeners tend to be educated, older, and white. We present on stage for two major events: *The Encyclopedia Show* and *The Story Collider*. Through these novel literary and storytelling events, we attract a younger audience, not necessarily educated, that is highly diverse.

The Encyclopedia Show

This Chicago based stage show used song, satire, poetry, and humor in two performances (Chicago: May 2013 and Atlanta: March 2014) exploring origins of life chemistry.



Program cover from the Encyclopedia Show

The Story Collider

As an event at the Atlanta Science Festival (March 2014), Story Collider, an NYC based group that shares science stories on stage, spotlighted Atlanta scientists sharing their personal, stories of how science has impacted them

Nick Hud presenting for story collider at the Atlanta Science festival (photo: Christi Chambers)



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