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Dr Eric Miller is a native New Yorker, transplanted to Chennai (where he has been based for the past 20 years).

Eric is a life-long drama and storytelling enthusiast. As a child and teenager he accompanied his father, a theatre critic, to Broadway plays. Dr Eric has written a number of plays and movie screenplays. He is currently seeking to bring one of these screenplays to the silver screen.

In New York City, Dr Eric studied with professional storytellers. He has earned a PhD in Folklore from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Masters degree in Psychology from the University of Madras.

Dr Eric is helping to develop the field of Storytelling Therapy - a method which can also be used for Life Coaching and Personal Growth.

Dr Eric has taught at 6 colleges: 3 in New York City, and 3 in Chennai. Among the courses he has taught are: Public Speaking, Storytelling, the Folktale, the Modern Short Story, the History of USA Drama, Creative Writing, and Non-Fiction Writing.

Eric directs the World Storytelling Institute and the annual Chennai Storytelling Festival; he is a co-facilitator of the Indian Storytelling Network; and he is the Assistant Director of the East West Center for Counselling and Training, and the Indian Institute of Psychodrama.

In August 2024 Eric became Dean of the Rojavanam International School (in Nagarcoil, Tamil Nadu). One of his duties at RIS is training teachers regarding, "Ways of Using Storytelling and Drama for Teaching and Learning; and Oracy (Learning through Speaking)".