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the World War II internment of Japanese Americans. Survivors of both periods were in the audience, she said.

Other work focused on the difficulties in communication between Christian and Muslim societies.

The 2007 Bridgebuilder Award honored three retired teachers and two current Northbrook public school teachers for their excellence in enlarging and enriching the boundaries of their students' minds, lives and spirits.

The honorees were Jerome Hoynes of Glenbrook North High School, Motria Melnyk of Meadowbrook Elementary School and retired teachers Carol Hillsberg, Jean Steinberger and Becky Recor, former teachers at Northbrook's Wood Oaks Junior High School.

The event was produced by the Angels Studio of the Divine Word along with Northbrook's Islamic Cultural Center of



Professional storyteller Antonio Ross gets animated during the 5th Techny JustStories Storytelling Festival.

Greater Chicago and the Northbrook Community Relations Commission.



Teacher Jerome Hoynes, center, of Glenbrook North High School, accepts the BridgeBuilder Award for excellence in diversity. Susan O'Halloran and the Rev. Mark Weber, provincial of the Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word, presented the award.



Professional storyteller Arianna Ross performs during the 5th Techny JustStories Festival April 14 at Techny Towers.



Students plant their flags for Peace at the Techny-Northbrook Peace Pole. The Rev. Derek Deacon Mark Urey helps them out. This was a part of the Peace Pole rededication ceremony.



Professional storytellers Susan O'Halloran, Arianna Ross, Arif Choudhury, Anne Shimojima and Antonio Rocha take their final bow before an enthusiastic audience at the JustStories Festival at Techny Towers, Northbrook. The Festival was presented by Angels Studio of Divine Word Techny, the Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago in Northbrook and the Northbrook Community Relations Commission.