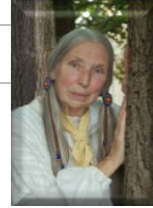


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What are we?

Autobiographical actors?
Impersonators?
Re-enactors?
First person interpreters?
Storytellers?
Actors?

The answer is "Yes!".....
We teach while we entertain audiences of all ages.

There is still time to reserve
A Cowboy's Christmas
Austin/San Antonio
November 30 - December 6
(by popular demand)

Houston area
December 7-13

Dallas/Fort Worth area
December 14-19

Austin/San Antonio
December 20-24
(almost sold out)

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After Dinner Theater

At this summer's Texas PTA Summer Leadership Seminar, I talked with a lot of PTA leaders. One of the priorities for PTA's (and any non-profit organization) is raising funds to support their cause. We can help!

Our one-person short plays are perfect for after-dinner theater. Not only are the programs fascinating and exciting, they appeal to ages 5-105. We have proven that by our range of clients – schools to retirement communities.

When you are thinking about a way to raise money and get people involved, a fundraising supper with after-dinner theater is a fabulous option.

Think of a program featuring Sam Houston or Stephen F. Austin or Cynthia Ann Parker. All the

performer needs is a place to stand in front of your audience for about 45 minutes.

Your local newspaper will love to cover the event because of the photographic opportunities with our famous characters. Our characters are available to reporters for interviews.

And, for PTAs, you can schedule daytime school programs and an evening community program at a discount for multiple performances! Have your young students see Texas Jack or Texas Bob, your older students see James Bowie or William Barret Travis and your evening event feature Sam Houston or Charles Goodnight or Stephen F. Austin.

Heroes Of History can also help with your promotion by

providing digital photographs for your flyers and advertisements.

Give me a call and let's talk about all the options available for after-dinner theater fundraising.



The photograph above is of Helen Garrison as Cynthia Ann Parker

Miscellaneous Stuff

TEXAS STATE HISTORIAN
Texas State Historian Light Townsend Cummins was sworn-in to office by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on May 26 at the Capitol. Appointed to the position on May 12 by Governor Perry, Cummins was recommended to the post by both the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas Historical Commission.

A Fellow of the TSHA since 1993, Cummins also serves on the TSHA board of directors. Cummins is an author, history professor and director of the Center for Southwestern and Mexican studies at Austin College in Sherman. He follows Frank de la Teja as the second to hold the honorary designation of Texas State Historian, created by the Texas Legislature in 2005.

TEXAS STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
March 4-6, 2010, Dallas, Texas

Make your hotel reservations now at the Dallas Marriott Quorum by the Galleria. Call (800) 811-8664 and say it is for the "TSHA Annual Meeting" to get the group rate.

TWEET!!!

The world is still changing...and it will always change. First our name changed from **Texas Heroes** to **Heroes of History**, and now you can keep up with us on Twitter. This is something new, exciting and a bit scary. I will be allowing the world to see what it is we do outside of our performances ... at least some of it.

Anytime something is going on and I am near a computer, you will find out about it. Take a look at www.Twitter.com/HeroesOfHistory. In fact, if you work with us, you could show up.

Tell a friend about our website and our Twitter site.

QUOTE:

President John F. Kennedy at a White House gathering of 49 Noble Prize winners on April 29, 1962: "I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered at the White House – with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

LEGENDS OF HISTORY

Legends are topics we love and hate. Legends are those parts of history that may not be proven, but people want to believe they are true. Some are true; some are not. Here is one legend.

Legend: James Bowie left piles of dead Mexican soldiers laying around his bed before he was killed at The Alamo

What We Know Now:

First, James Bowie was sick...very sick. He may have died of his illness before the battle at The Alamo even started. He apparently had a disease of the lungs (tuberculosis?) that may have started nine years earlier when he was punctured in the lungs a number of times during the Sandbar Fight. It is amazing he even lived through his injuries since antibiotics hadn't been invented yet. This is when Bowie and his knife became famous.

*A man and
his knife*

If James Bowie was even alive when the battle started at The Alamo, he most certainly fought from his bed since he was too sick to move about. He also might have had a brace of pistols, meaning two single-shot flintlocks. These pistols, if they fired at all, were extremely inaccurate. Let's say everything went perfectly – both guns fired and he was accurate. Let's say he killed two Mexican soldiers with the pistols as they entered his room. Now his pistols are not loaded and there is no way he has the ability or time to reload them.

Some would then say, "Laying on his bed, he held the soldiers off and killed a bunch with his knife." My question is "Why would a Mexican soldier get that close to Bowie? Why not just shoot him with their rifles or stab him with their bayonets?" Bowie couldn't get out of bed, and a rifle with a bayonet is a lot longer than Bowie's knife and arm-reach. Bowie couldn't have killed anyone with his knife.

Bottom line: James Bowie might have been dead or about to die when the battle started and could do nothing. James Bowie, at best, but highly unlikely, killed a couple of Mexican soldiers.

There could have been no gallant physical fight to the end for James Bowie other than in spirit.

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September Performances

And the march
goes on

Day Organization

- 3 The Meadows Retirement Community, San Antonio
- 17 The Terrace at Clear Lake, Webster
- 17 Paradise Springs, Spring
- 19 Cypress Wood, Kingwood
- 21 The Renaissance – Austin, Austin
- 21 Querencia at Barton Springs, Austin
- 22 The Inn at Los Patios, San Antonio
- 22 The Conservatory at Wells Branch, Austin
- 23 The Towers at Park Lane, San Antonio
- 24 Independence Hill, San Antonio
- 24 Westminster Manor, Austin
- 28 Three Fountains, Dallas
- 29 Trinity Terrace, Fort Worth
- 29 Plano Shriners, Plano
- 30 Roanoke Seniors Center, Roanoke
- 30 The Conservatory at Plano, Plano

This is the reservation list as of the issuance of this newsletter. For an up-to-date list, check our website calendar at:

<http://www.TexasHeroes.net/TexasHeroescalendar.htm>

For a list of all clients, go to <http://www.TexasHeroes.net/ThePast.html>