Pittman Bio & Resume

Rickey E. Pittman, the Bard of the South, is a storyteller, author, and folksinger. He was the Grand Prize Winner of the 1998 Ernest Hemingway Short Story Competition, and is originally from Dallas, Texas. Pittman presents his stories, music and programs at schools, libraries, organizations, museums, Civil War Reenactments, restaurants, banquets, and Celtic festivals throughout the South. He has three music CD's: Bard of the South (2011), The Minstrel Boy (2012), and A Lover's Ghost (2012). Pittman earned a BA in New Testament Greek and an MA in English Literature from Abilene Christian University and currently teaches college level freshman composition and literature for Delta Community College, the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and Virginia College Online.

Festivals, Conferences, Workshops and Other Events Featuring Pittman as Music Performer, Storyteller, or Speaker:

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Hot Springs, AR

French Quarter Festival, New Orleans

Northeast Louisiana Celtic Fest, Monroe LA

Mississippi Celtic Fest, Jackson MS

Salado Scottish Festival, Salado TX

Arlington Scottish Festival, Arlington TX

Highland Games, Jackson, LA

North Texas Irish Festival, Dallas

Cowtown Celtic Festival, Fort Worth (2011)

Bedford Texas Celtic Festival

Sam Houston Folklife Festival, Huntsville TX

Houston Scottish Festival

Arkansas Scottish Festival, Batesville AR

Patrick Cleburne Festival, Cleburne TX.

St. Patrick Festival, Dublin TX

St. Patrick Festival, Sidney, AR

Corney Creek Festival, Bernice LA

Tartan Festival, Minden, LA

St. Andrews Banquets & Robert Burns Suppers

Museum & Library Presentations

Florida, Arkansas & Louisiana Reading Associations

Louisiana Library Association

Texas Education Service Centers (Media & Library Services) Regions I, II, IX, XI, VII, & VIII

Storytelling and music, Gladyss Porter Zoo, Brownsville, TX

Brown Bag Concert in the Park, Monroe LA

Opened for Bobby Bridger's Lakota, April 2013

Presenter at HESTEC Community Day Literacy Event. (2013) South Texas Literacy Coalition

Author Events: Books 'n Authors 'n All that Jazz (Weatherford TX; Young Authors & Illustrators (Killeen TX; Pulpwood Queens Girlfriend Weekend; Young Authors of Rapides Parish; Laredo Book Festival, and Director of Harlingen, TX Book Festival (2013).

Civil War Events: Speaker and performer for Bellmead, TX Civil War Reenactment; Mississippi Children of the Confederacy; Louisiana United Daughters of the Confederacy; Louisiana Sons of Confederate Veterans, UDC & SCV camps in Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas; Civil War Music Heritage Gathering & Encampment, Windham NY; Lee-Jackson Banquets

Books of Rickey Pittman

*The Scottish Alphabet (Pelican Pub.)

*The Irish Alphabet (Pelican Pub.)

*Ariel: Therapy Dog of the Rio Grande Valley (Sarah Pub. 2014)

The ABC Book of the Rio Grande Valley (Oct. 2014, River Road Press).

*Jim Limber Davis: A Black Orphan in the Confederate White House (Pelican Pub.)

*Stonewall Jackson's Black Sunday School (Pelican Pub.) Accelerated Reader & Award from the Colonial Dames of America

*Stories of the Confederate South (collection of historical short fiction) (Pelican Pub.)

Under a Comanche Moon & Other Stories (collection of short fiction-Booklocker, 2014)

*The Confederate Alphabet (2011)(Pelican Pub.)

*Red River Fever (a novel, Booklocker 2000)

*Under the Witch's Mark (Booklocker 2012)

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