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## Larry Thompson Professional Speaker and Storyteller

I am a native of North Carolina who moved to Texas in 1982 to begin serving in the US Army. I studied finance and communications at The University of Central Texas. I have been a storyteller and trainer for 30 years, entertaining and teaching audiences in San Antonio and beyond. I have just completed three years of service as president of the San Antonio Storytellers Association.

I employ a speaking style is best described as "Full-Contact," involving the audience as much as possible insuring that everyone has a great experience. Some of my most requested stories contain specific points for the audience to join in on the fun.

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### PROFESSIONAL STORYTELLING HIGHLIGHTS:

***Special Event.*** Participated in a tandem presentation with Texas Storyteller Donna Ingham in An Afternoon with O. Henry in South Texas. The Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, Texas organized this event. Donna and I told favorite O. Henry stories selected from among his three-dozen tales set in Texas. The event celebrated America's master of the "twist-at-the-end," in conjunction with the "Photographs and Paragraphs: The Images of I.N. Hall and the Imagery of O. Henry" exhibit.

***Outdoors program.*** I presented six campfire programs for campers and staff members for Camp C.A.M.P. in Center Point, Texas. This camp provides outdoor summer-camp experiences for severely handicapped children ages 5-21. My programs were specifically designed to entertain campers ages 12-21 with varying degrees of physical or mental challenges. Each program was one hour long and was crafted to be quick moving with actions and character voices.

***Festival Work.*** For the Fabra Elementary School Storytelling Festival and George West Storyfest, I have presented daylong programs for school children from Pre-Kindergarten to High School. These programs involved selecting and performing age appropriate stories, encouraging group participation and interacting with school personnel.

***Teacher Workshops.*** I presented my Storytelling for Teachers seminar to under-graduate students in the University of Houston Business Department. This seminar was built to show benefits and options specifically for business teachers and was presented as a component of a "tools of the trade" class. Each participant received a booklet detailing the curriculum, discussion points, and resources for further study. I presented my Telling Stories from the Bible workshop to educators for the Hill Country Bible Church in Austin, Texas. This seminar is high-energy and encourages participation. Each student had the opportunity to practice storytelling techniques and present a story during the seminar.

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## PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

### Performances of Note:

- 2016-2018 – Roads Scholar Program – 8 Texas Folklore and Tall Tale programs for adults
- 2012 – Dobie Dichos – Oakville, Tx
- 2012 – Winner – 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Liar’s Contest
- 2006 – Bulverde Texas – Bulverde Jubilee performances
- 2006 – Alamo Area Library System – 20 library performances for children and adults
- 2002-2006 – San Antonio, Texas - Texas Folklife Festival
- 2001-2018 – George West Storyfest – School performances for storytelling festival
- 1999-2005 – New Braunfels, Texas – Friends For Rivers Event
- 2003-2005 – Bandera, Texas – Celebrate! Bandera Festival
- 2005 – The Shops at La Cantera – San Antonio – six-week holiday schedule
- 2000-2005– Bandera, Texas – Tellabration!
- 2002 – San Antonio, Texas – Restaurant opening – 4 sessions
- 2000 – Charleston, South Carolina – Celebrate Reading 2000
- 2000 - 2013 – San Antonio, Texas – Tellabration!
- 1999, 2003 – Atlanta, Georgia – Commissioner Conference Training

### Keynote Speaker:

- 2001 & 2003 - Dulles High School, Houston, Texas - Employer Appreciation Breakfast
- 2001– Knoxville, Tennessee - University of Scouting

### Business Instruction and Training Workshops:

- 2006 – Texas Parks and Wildlife Department – “Tools for Better Speaking” workshops
- 2005 – AEE Annual Conference – “The Story Thread - Experiential Learning Stories”
- 2004 – CMG Conference, Las Vegas – “Decreasing TCO – and Surviving!”
- 2003 – Texas State Auditors Agency – meeting facilitation workshop
- 2001-2003 –Judson Learning Academy – Public Speaking student mentor
- 2002 – Buck’s Landing Inc. – “Storytelling in Business” workshop
- 2002 – Texas Association of State Systems for Computing and Communications conference – Wireless Technology forum.
- 2003 – Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Commission – meeting facilitation workshop
- 2002 – Capitol Area Central Texas Unix Society – Hardened Operating System seminar
- 2002 – University of Houston – “Storytelling in the Classroom” workshop

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## AFFILIATIONS

- San Antonio Storytellers Association
- Tejas Storytelling Association
- National Storytelling Network
- American Society for Training and Development
- Boy Scouts of America

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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## REFERENCES

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## PRINTED MATERIALS

Wild West: <http://amzn.to/2z9Y6pL>

Flint & Steel: <http://bit.ly/2h5Sarp>

Good Jeans & Good Rhymes: <http://bit.ly/2h9DhAx>

