

# the Telling...

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Stories... the original media of historians.



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Telling Bobby's Story at the George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University

*When Mr. Duffard presents at our school it's an event that the students look forward to and remember. Through talented storytelling and creative voice, Mr. Duffard makes Columbus, World War II heroes, and even government a personal experience that students can relate to and enjoy. The presentations are so interesting that they spark more in depth discussion in the classroom afterward. As a teacher I would highly recommend the experience of watching history come to life through Mr. Duffard's presentations.*

*~Angela Armstrong  
Fourth Grade Teacher  
College Station, Texas*



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Teacher  
&  
Story Teller

*The art of story telling lies in the ability of the teller to take the listener into the story.*

Other experience in front of audiences

- James Black in Morning Star Production's *Bessie* ([www.morningstarproductions.net](http://www.morningstarproductions.net))
- Mordcha in *Fiddler On the Roof*
- Guest soloist with Brazos Valley Troupe
- Presenter at the George Bush Presidential Library's End of the War in the Pacific Celebration
- Texas A&M Reveliers
- Texas A&M Singing Cadets
- Choir performance in Saint Peter's Cathedral in Rome, Italy
- Alfred P. Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*
- Jud Fry in *Oklahoma*



Sometimes the simple things in life make for the best stories.

## The Birth of a Story Teller

Long a lover of the arts, Wes began his journey into story telling reading books to his eldest child's first grade class.

He was actually nervous the first day in front of those kids. However, seeing how intently the children were listening, hanging on every word, he was pleasantly surprised by their hunger for stories. He began to have fun "playing" the characters as he read the stories which made the reading experience more fun for the kids and for Wes. As his confidence grew, he began experimenting with telling stories as opposed to reading them and the kids were just as enthralled as ever.

Putting his creativity to work, Wes began to use his love of story telling to teach as well as entertain and that combination resulted in characters such as "the President" and "Herr Professor" giving fun and informative presentations enjoyed by many, many children.

More recently, Wes has begun utilizing the power of story telling in passing to others our Nation's history. We as Americans have a rich heritage which deserves the telling and retelling from generation to generation.

## The Art of Story Telling

In the earliest days of human history, before there were video games, movies, books and even before writing was invented, there were stories. Oral traditions passed from generation to generation. Lineages, wanderings, battles, heroes... the epic story of the Human endeavor was passed on through the Telling.

Many a campfire has been accompanied by the telling of stories. In times past, the story teller was the guardian and passer of history and learning, a revered storehouse of what was known.

But telling a story entails more than just opening one's mouth and reciting information. The story teller must have the ability, the art, the gift of taking the listener into the story. For a brief time, the listener must "be" a knight at the round table, or "feel" the fear of battle. When all has been said, what was said must be remembered. And the remembrance is best attained if the listener's imagination has been engaged.

The art of the telling is being able to draw your listener into the story with you.

For information or to schedule a telling,  
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## The Cast

### The President

When the President is finished, the listeners will know what is meant by the term "American Democratic Republic," and they'll have fun in the learning. This is not your basic boring old civics lecture.

### Herr Professor

This kindly, somewhat elderly German professor teaches the basics of the electrical circuit. Volunteers are used liberally, and to date, not one has been hurt.

### The Singing Cowboy

Stories and songs about Cowboys and Texas from a third generation Texan.

### The Story of Bobby Mullen

The bittersweet story of a mother's brother; a GI in Europe during World War II.

### Custom Stories

If you have a specific topic or story you'd like presented, I'll be glad to research and customize a Telling to fit.

*Mr. Duffard,*

*You were so good with the kids. It is obvious you love what you do and you conveyed it to the kids very well.*

*Carolyn Lowry  
Highschool Teacher*