



# CHUCK LARKIN

## Bluegrass Storyteller & Shanachie Bardic Singer

**Humorist, Family Entertainer, Telling Traditional Stories for All Ages;  
Demonstrating Traditional Musical Instruments and Singing 19th-Century Ballads**

### **PERFORMANCE SYNOPSIS**

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Chuck Larkin is a family entertainer who collects and passes on the traditional stories, folk songs and folk lore from the 19<sup>th</sup> century culture of the Appalachians, the Piney Woods and the Delta areas of the rural southeast USA. His stories, songs and folk lore come from the southern culture that produced Bluegrass Music.

He entertains his repertoire of folk songs includes traditional folk songs such as “Turkey in the Straw”, “Old Joe Clark”, “Boil that Cabbage Down”, “Cripple Creek, Shady Grove, Old Dan Tucker, Froggie Went a Courting”, “Skip to My Lou”, “Jimmy Cracked Corn”, “Old Blew”, “Uncle Rubin Done Gone”, “Chick a Tick”. Like traditional singers, Chuck accompanies himself with a four-string 1913 Tenor Banjo or an old Baritone Uke.

His stories center on folk lore about Southern traditions and finding true love. These include: “Davey Crockett’s Pop Corn”, “Mike Finn’s Rip Tail Roarer”, or a tale about “Soldier Jack”. They also include true experiences growing up on a farm (including variants of Baron Munchausen’s stories) about how hot it was, how cold it was, how heavy the wind or rain was, how poor we were and how small my home town was. Manuscripts of these traditional stories collected in the southern region can be reviewed and downloaded from pages attached to a Storytelling Ring at <http://www.pjtss.net/lib/chuck/index.htm> or <http://www.chucklarkin.com/stories.html> and may be used as one wishes.

He also relates rib-ticklin’, knee-slappin’ stories about being born ugly; strange fishing and hunting experiences; and witty and almost-true stories about his pet rooster Rocky and his gray mule Sally.

### **PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE CREDITS**

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**Four-Time Featured Storyteller** at National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, Tennessee

**53 Appearances as Featured Storyteller:** He has performed in 33 cities and 26 states in these Storytelling Festivals:

- Old Christmas Storytelling Festival, Atlanta, GA\*
- Atlanta Storytelling Festival, Atlanta, GA\*
- Storytelling Festival Stoval House, Sautee, GA\*
- Cherokee Rose Storytelling Festival, Carrollton, GA\*
- Okefenokee Swamp Storytelling Festival, Waycross, GA\*
- Mo-Tell Storytelling in the Ozarks, MO
- St. Louis Storytelling Festival, MO
- Tampa/Hillsborough Storytelling Festival, FL
- White Springs Storytelling Festival, FL
- Florida Storytelling Camp, FL\*
- Miami Storytelling Festival, Miami, FL\*
- Cracker Storytelling Festival, Orlando, FL\*
- Flint Storytelling Festival, Flint, MI\*
- Illinois Storytelling Festival, Spring Grove, IL
- Long Island Summer Storytelling Festival, Huntington, NY
- Corn Island Storytelling Festival, Louisville, KY
- Locust Grove Storytelling Festival, Louisville, KY
- Iroquois Story Festival, Louisville, KY
- Magnolia Storytelling Festival, Natchez, MS
- Storyfiesta, Albuquerque, NM
- Bayside Yarnspinner Festival, Mobile, AL
- Storytelling Festival, Huntsville, AL\*
- Birmingham Storytelling Festival, Birmingham, AL
- Halloween Storytelling Festival, Columbia, SC\*
- Sonoma County Storytelling Festival, CA\*
- Strawberry Storytelling Festival, Hammond, LA

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### Featured Teller/Emcee at Conclaves & Folk Festivals

- International Society of School Librarians Convention
- South Georgia College Festival
- Dekalb Arts Festival, IA
- Atlanta Arts Festival, GA
- North Georgia Old Timer's Folk Festival
- Georgia Folk Festival
- Atlanta Celtic Festival
- Autumn Leaves Folk Festival, Dahlonega, Georgia
- Suwannee River Festival, Florida
- Tennessee Arts Festival, Knoxville
- Tennessee Fiddling Festival, Smithville
- Folk Life Center of the Smokies Festivals
- Florida Folk Festival
- Virginia Folk Festival

### Other Venues Include:

- Schools—Preschools to Colleges
- Retirement Centers
- Bookstores
- Coffee Houses
- Libraries
- Art Festivals
- Community Festivals
- Malls, Socials
- RV Roundups
- Camp Grounds
- Churches
- Conferences
- Detention Centers
- Work Release Centers
- Theaters
- Hospitals
- Orphanages
- Pow Wows
- Lunches and Banquets.

### TELEVISION & RECORDING EXPERIENCE:

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- Video: "American Storytelling Series", Volume #4, Produced by the H. W. Wilson Company of New York City.
- Video: "Tell Me a Story" series Produced by KVC in Indianapolis, IN.
- Host of the PBTB series "A Night At Ferlinghetti's" Produced by WPBA/WABE, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 90 minute Audio Cassettes: Front Porch Storytelling—Tall Tales I; Tall Tales II; Tall Tales III
- 60 minute Audio Cassette: Self Monitoring Performing Techniques Self-Healing Techniques and Story Songs

### PUBLICATIONS

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- The Public Speaking Almanac: Tips for Every Speaking Occasion
- Old Christmas Stories: Eleven Traditional Stories from the 4<sup>th</sup> Century to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century with the History of Christmas and the Story of Hanukkah
- Tall Tales as Belles Letters: Thirty Traditional Stories Collected from the Appalachian Ridges And Hills, The Piney Woods and Deltas of the South East USA
- Workshops And Coaching: Public Speaking Talent Skills Story Presentation Skills, from Beginners to Advanced
- Intermediate Self Monitoring Through Joke Telling Skills
- Advanced Public Speaking: Talent Skill Identification For Self Monitoring

### WORKSHOPS:

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- Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Storytelling
- Joke Telling
- Special Advanced Workshop and Coaching in Public Speaking and Storytelling.

### DEMONSTRATIONS OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:

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- Jaw Harps, steel and wood
- French Harp, harmonica
- Mountain harmonica
- Bones
- Spoons
- Hands
- Straws
- Pan Pipes
- Yidaki, Didjeridoo
- Pencils
- String Stick
- Nose flute
- Sweet Potato Flute
- African and Native American flutes,
- Syringe Flute
- Hand saw played with a fiddle bow