

More Than Words! Interactive Music & Storytelling for All Ages — Pre-school to Post-retirement

Dan entertains, stimulates thinking, creates laughter, and sparks imaginations.

He requires audience participation because he's too lazy to do the work by himself.

His repertoire includes folk tales from many cultures, historical tales, ghost stories (if requested), original stories, a bit of outrageous cowboy poetry, shameless whoppers about eccentric people, and songs to get you singing.

Sing along, tap your toe

Dan's banjo, mountain dulcimer, guitar and pickin' bow can set your toe to tapping and your voice to singing

along with the folk music and old-time tunes that are the ancestors of today's Bluegrass and country and western music.



Who is he?

Born in Columbia, S.C., he grew up in Burlington, N.C., and lived in California, Republic of the Philippines and Utah before moving to Texas. He has a B.A. in Journalism from UNC-Chapel Hill.

He taught himself to play banjo during late-night practice sessions with the television sound turned down and a towel stuffed in the banjo to reduce the noise level.

Dan often practices storytelling late at night with a towel stuffed in his mouth to reduce that noise level.

School Programs, Residencies

Support state and national curriculum objectives in social studies, history, geography, language arts, science, character education – and just for fun, too, as a reward for jobs well-done.

For public, private, charter and home schools.

Library Programs

Summer reading, special events, adult outreach.

Programs for Senior Adults

Retirement centers, church groups, hospital groups, nursing homes and more.

For Cub Scouts: Mostly Music

Satisfies most Music Belt Loop requirements.

Gatherings of all kinds



Scouting events, family reunions, parties, fairs, festivals, summer camps, house concerts, museums, conventions, mortgage burnings, shivarees, barn rais-

ings, financial bailouts.

Themes

"A World Full of Stories & Music"

Tales from many cultures; lively folk songs, sing-alongs for all grades and ages.

"Family Friendly Fun"

Music and stories for family audiences.

"Texas HistoryTales 'n' Tunes"

Great for Texas History Month in March for schools and grownups.

"Civil War Music & Tales"

Music, stories and legends from some of the lesser known events of the U.S. Civil War.

References (more at www.dangibson.net)

From Schools

"We enjoyed how you really get into your stories and involve the kids throughout your sessions. You are really great with the kids and understand how each one is different. I can tell that you delight in being around children and sharing your passion with them. I look forward to having you back."

Inga Davis, Librarian, Pine Tree MS, Longview, TX

"Dan Gibson is a master storyteller and expert entertainer who enthralled our students, from pre-K to 6th grade. We look forward to his return with great anticipation."

Amy Money, Librarian, Caddo Grove Elem., Joshua, TX

"Students were visiting the school library because of interests sparked by Mr. Gibson.

Wanda Lentz, Title 1 Teacher, Red Rock Elem., Red Rock, TX

"Our students were mesmerized by your animated stories and songs. The impressions you made will stay with them for a long time and will further cultivate their love of literacy."

Cathy Rumley, Principal, No. Graham Elem., Graham, NC

"Asking children to 'chew on' the meaning of a story is an ingenious way to encourage transfer of meaning from a story to their own experiences."

"I would've liked more time for his presentation."

Teachers' Comments, Brentfield Elem., Richardson, TX

"I've never seen my students sit as still as when Mr. Gibson was telling a story."

Zelma McCarty, Wallace Elem., Richardson, TX

From Libraries

"At the Cameron Library, Dan held the attention of every child with his stories, songs, and sign language. His gentle way kept the wiggly ones focused and made the day a success. Even the adults participated! There was laughter, singing, banjo picking and other musical instruments. Recommended for all ages."

Laurie Mahaffey, Central Texas Library System, Austin, TX

"Children know the difference between a performer and a friend. Dan not only carries on the fine tradition of storytelling, but he truly likes and understands children."

Jeri Baker, Mgr., Park Forest Branch Library, Dallas, TX

"As always, you did a terrific job - engaging the kids and not boring the adults! I loved your stories and songs. It was fun listening to the kids laugh!"

Donna Pierce, Director, Krum Public Library, Krum, TX

"As usual, you were awesome! Thanks for coming to share your songs and stories!"

Michele Wilson, NE Branch, Library, Arlington, TX

"It is always a successful program when the audience doesn't want to leave."

Jennifer Beach, Central NC Regional Library, Burlington, NC

"It takes remarkable talent to tell a story with the ease you do. We enjoyed the banjo picking, too. Thanks for a fine family evening!"

Alma Robinson, Library Patron, Graham, NC

A few of the places he's performed...

Festivals, Music Venues, Parks, Museums, Coffee Houses

Music City Texas, Linden, TX
Texas Storytelling Festival, Denton, TX
George West Storyfest, George West, TX
Six Flags Over Texas, Arlington, TX
Dallas Storytelling Festival, Dallas, TX
North Carolina Story Fest, Greensboro, NC
Voices in the Wind Festival, Canyon, TX
River Legacy Park, Arlington, TX
U.S. Mensa Annual Gathering, Dallas, TX
Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park, Dallas, TX
Farmers Branch Historical Park, Farmers Branch, TX
Decatur Civic Center, Decatur, TX
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX
National Scouting Museum, Irving, TX
Ghost Story Festival, Lincoln City, OR
Nasher Sculpture Garden, Dallas, TX
Bryan Children's Museum, Bryan, Texas
Nat. Ranching Heritage Center., Texas Tech Univ., Lubbock, TX
Dallas Arboretum
Lake Cliff Park, Earth Day, Dallas, TX
Storytelling on the Square, Cooper, TX
Clarence White Family Life Center, Bonham, TX
Boy Scout Jamboree, Texas Motor Speedway
Spoken Word Coffee House, Garland, TX

Public Schools

Texas (Here's a few of them)

Hubbard Hts. Elem., Storyteller Residency, Fort Worth, TX
Bethany Elementary School, Plano, TX
Red Rock Elementary School, Red Rock, TX
Palmer Elementary School, Palmer, TX
Evans Elementary School, Burkburnett, Texas
Caddo Grove Elementary School, Joshua, TX
Lakeview Elementary School, Roanoke, TX
James Arthur Elementary School, Kennedale, TX
Seven Hills Elementary School, Newark, TX
North Ward Elementary School, Brady, TX
Central Elementary School, Stephenville, TX
Zapata Elementary School, Mission, TX
Caddo Grove Elementary School, Joshua, TX
Wester Middle School, Mansfield, TX
Pine Tree Elementary School, Longview, TX
Eastpoint, Pasodale, Mission Hills, & Glen Cove
Elementary Schools, El Paso, TX
Razor Elementary School, Plano, TX
Hughes Springs Jr. High School, Hughes Springs, TX
Avinger School, Avinger, TX
Justin Elementary School, Paris, TX
Paloma Creek Elementary School, Denton, TX
Anderson Elementary School, Arlington, TX
Blackland Prairie Elementary School, Round Rock, TX
Pewitt Elementary School, Hewitt, TX

North Carolina

Grove Park Elementary School, Burlington, NC
E.M. Holt Elementary School, Burlington, NC
North Graham Elementary School, Graham, NC

Louisiana

Benton Elementary School, Benton, LA

Public Libraries:

Texas: Houston, League City Wichita Falls, Graham, Hewitt, Windthorst, Athens, Ennis, Georgetown, Round Rock, Hutto, Palestine, Denton, Grapevine, The Colony, Cedar Hill, Terrell, Sachse, Mineral Wells, Iowa Park, Archer City, Henrietta, Red Oak, Hillsboro, Sanger, Dallas, Fort Worth, Arlington, Irving, North Richland Hills, Highland Hills, Coppell, Sherman, Coleman, Glen Rose, Benbrook, White-wright, Alvarado, Lewisville, Wylie, Haltom City, Hurst, Farmers Branch, McKinney, Shepherd, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, Gainesville, Pottsboro, Paris, Krum, Aubrey, Garland, Seagoville, Duncanville, Jefferson, Cameron, Bridgeport, Brownwood, Garland, Southlake, Van Alstyne, Burleson, Saginaw, Gainesville, Ennis, Rowlett, Richardson, Salado, Mesquite, Azle and many more.

North Carolina: Mebane, Graham, Burlington, Roxboro, Greensboro, Hillsborough

Louisiana: De Soto Parish Library, two-day workshop

Wyoming: Cheyenne, Rock Springs, Green River

Oklahoma: Altus, Hollis; **Oregon:** Seaside

Private Schools

St. Alquin's School, Dallas, TX
Day Nursery of Abilene, Abilene, Texas
Pantego Christian Academy, Arlington, TX
Austin Girls School, Austin, TX
Westwood Montessori, School, Dallas, TX
St. Rita's Catholic School, Dallas, TX
Christ Lutheran Pre-school, Dallas, TX
St. Mary's Catholic School, Gainesville, TX
Prince of Peace Catholic School, Plano, TX
St. Vincent's School, Bedford, TX
St. Cecilia's Catholic School, Dallas, TX
St. Elizabeth's Catholic School, Dallas, TX
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Dallas, TX

Seniors Groups, Retirement Centers, Churches

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX
Ist United Methodist Church, Rockwall, TX
Elmwood Methodist Church, Dallas, TX
Grace Presbyterian Village, Dallas, TX
Flower Mound Community Church, Flower Mound, TX
Lake Kiowa Womens Club, Lake Kiowa, TX
Older, Wiser Lutherans (OWLs), Dallas, TX
Seniors' Day Out, Garland, TX, Public Library

Colleges & Universities

West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX
Eastfield College, Mesquite, TX
University of Texas at Arlington
Clarendon College, Clarendon, TX

Associations, Special Organizations

Tarrant County Foster Parents Assoc., Fort Worth, TX
Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading
Texas Education Association, Beaumont, TX
N.C. School Library & Media Assoc., Winston-Salem, NC
National Young Scholars Program
ARC of Texas Camps, Dallas & McKinney, TX
Texas Historical Foundation, Abilene, TX

...and numerous Scout groups, camps, retreats, birthday parties, family reunions and other special occasions.

Selected for the 2006-2008 Texas Touring Artist Roster

More Than Words! **Dan Gibson** **Storyteller/Banjoplayer**



*Breathe a story – and a song – into the air,
They will fall to earth, who knows where.
But then one day, from beginning to end,
You'll find them both in the heart of a friend.*



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*"Storytelling reveals meaning without
making the mistake of explaining it."*

Hannah Arendt

*"The way to spoil a story is to talk about
it rather than tell it."*

J. Frank Dobie