

## **Mural Project Will Honor a School Built to Last**

*Redlands, CA* – It took the wrecking ball several tries; the walls did not come down easily. The crew prevailed in the end, and the old buildings fell to make room for the new. But nothing could destroy the memories. The “long blue line” remains.

For students and alumni of Redlands High School, the story likely comes as no surprise. Their school has been a fixture in the community since 1891 and though its face has changed quite a bit through the last dozen decades, the school and all it stands for was clearly built to last. And the Redlands High School that still stands in the memories of a few alumni, known to others – and to current students – only through old photographs and the recollections of parents and grandparents, will soon be rebuilt, in a sense. A project is underway to create a historical mural depicting the early school in all its beauty, and the school invites its alumni to share in bringing the old school back for current and future generations to enjoy.

The mural will cover a large exterior wall of the gymnasium, where it will be visible to those on campus as well as to passers-by. It will depict the original 1891 buildings, plus the historic Clock Auditorium, erected in 1928 and still in use today. Talks are ongoing with local artists, concepts are being laid out, and funds are being raised for the project, which is budgeted at just over \$16,000.

The RHS Class of 2012 has taken up the task. Rather than perpetrating the traditional “senior prank” these Terriers have chosen to channel their energies into something positive and lasting – something that will leave their “pawprint” on the school for future students and the community. Embracing the mural project, last month they initiated a “quarter dump” in which students were asked simply to bring their spare change to school and contribute it toward the mural. Within only a few days’ time, the seniors’ change drive had netted over \$1,000 – a healthy start toward the goal. Now the Class of 2012 would like to challenge past graduating classes to help create and to share in this legacy.

There are a couple of ways alumni can become involved. A fundraising concert scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> will take place in – where else? – Clock Auditorium. “Under the Cowboy Moon” will feature award-winning Western singers and songwriters Belinda Gail and Dave Stamey in a fun and frolicsome evening of cowboy tunes and tales from the trail. Tickets go on sale June 1<sup>st</sup> at \$30 per person. RHS alumni attending the event will receive free door prize tickets, and special recognition will go to the graduating class with the highest number of attendees. All profits from the concert will go toward the mural project.

Alumni who can’t attend the concert can also make direct donations to the mural fund; classes contributing a minimum of \$500 toward the project will be recognized by having their graduating class listed as a sponsor on the mural wall. The Class of 2012, which kicked off the project, will be listed first; other classes will be listed in descending order according to their financial contributions.

For tickets to “Under the Cowboy Moon,” go to <http://rhs.redlandsusd.net>; for more information about the event go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and keyword search “Under the Cowboy Moon.” For alumni contributions to the mural project, call the RHS Finance Office at (909) 307-5500 x30128.

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Belinda Gail was raised on ranches in Nevada's Carson Valley and the California Sierra Nevada foothills. Her rich ranching heritage and love of the West run deep in her music and evoke the character of the people, as well as the beauty, majesty, and deep connection to the land that only those who have lived the ranch life can truly capture.

Along with being a gifted singer/songwriter her warm and vibrant personality beautifully captures the "Spirit of the West" and easily wraps itself around her audience. Belinda Gail is one of the most sought after women performing Western music today. A vibrant and natural entertainer with a dynamic and captivating voice, Belinda stirs the emotions and visions of the West in the heart of every audience she embraces. She truly is "America's Western Sweetheart"

Belinda's awards include the following:

- 7 times *Western Music Association Female Performer of the Year*
- 2 times *Academy of Western Artists Female Vocalist*
- 3 times *Group/Duo of the Year with Curly Musgrave*
- Album of the Year for "Red Rock Moon"*

## Belinda Gail



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## Dave Stamey



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Cowboys and Indians Magazine has called him "the Charlie Russell of Western Music." Western Horseman Magazine has declared his "Vaquero Song" to be one of the greatest Western songs of all time. In 2010 True West Magazine named him Best Living Western Solo Musician.

Dave Stamey has been a cowboy, a mule packer, a dude wrangler, and is now one of the most popular Western entertainers working today. He has been voted three times Entertainer of the Year, three times Male Performer of the Year and twice Songwriter of the Year by the Western Music Association, and received the Will Rogers Award from the Academy of Western Artists. He's delighted audiences in twenty states, and finds that he prefers this to being stomped by angry horses.

# National Day of the Cowboy Events in Redlands

**July 23 - July 28<sup>th</sup>**

## **Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***The Coyote Creek Ramblers @ Olive Avenue Market***, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. ([www.oliveavenuemarket.com](http://www.oliveavenuemarket.com))

## **Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

***Write 'Em Cowboy! Writers Panel***

A.K. Smiley Public Library, 6:00 – 9:00p.m. ([www.akspl.org](http://www.akspl.org))

Guest Authors: *Robert Harper, Bob Wood, Rod Thompson, Nicholas R. Cataldo, Chuck Morris, J.R. Sanders, Paige M. Peyton*

## **Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

***Kids Corral at Frugal Frigate***, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Activities, music, costume parade, cowboy story time, appearance by SB County Sheriff's Rodeo Queen Cynthia Boswell, roping demonstration ([www.frugalfrigate.com](http://www.frugalfrigate.com))

***Historic Redlands Walking Tour w/Historian, Tom Atchley***, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Starting at 5<sup>th</sup> and State St. (\$20.00 donation benefitting the RHS Mural project - [rhs.redlandsusd.net](http://rhs.redlandsusd.net))

## **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Rustic Tea at The Eating Room***, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ([www.allmarthagreen.com/theeatingroom.html](http://www.allmarthagreen.com/theeatingroom.html))

Victorian fashions demonstrated by Ruth Clinnick, *Daughters of Eve Victorian Clothier*

\$20.00 per person; seating is limited; Advanced Reservations required @ 909-792-5400

## **Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

***Under the Cowboy Moon, An Evening with Belinda Gail and Dave Stamey***

Clock Auditorium on the RHS campus, 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the *Redlands High School Mural Project* - [rhs.redlandsusd.net](http://rhs.redlandsusd.net)

## **Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

***Read 'em Cowboy Book Fair*** ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), key word search: "Read 'em Cowboy")

Barnes and Noble - Citrus Plaza, 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Western authors and book signings, live music, children's activities, historical displays, prize drawings, San Bernardino Sheriff's Rodeo Queens Cynthia Boswell and Caitlin Eberhardt, Young Writer's Contest

*Authors: Cheryl Rogers-Barnett, James Best, Chris Enss, Robert Harper, Bob Wood, Rod Thompson, Nick Cataldo, Chuck Morris, Paige Peyton, James Clay, J.R. Sanders, Erica Silverman, Jack Kincade, Bryon Harrington and illustrators Steve Gray and Trae Mundt*

*Musicians: Western Music Association's Coyote Creek Ramblers and John Bergstrom  
(proceeds benefit the National Day of the Cowboy)*



WESTERN FICTIONEERS PRESENTS:

## THE YOUNG WRITERS

### COWBOY FICTION CONTEST

**Western Fictioneers** is planning a pilot program for a writing contest which may eventually go nationwide. We are testing the feasibility of such an endeavor by running an experimental contest this spring and summer at Redlands High School in Redlands, California. Our contest spokesperson and liaison will be J.R. Sanders.

#### Story guidelines:

Setting/theme: *Cowboys of the American West*

Stories must prominently feature one or more cowboys- beyond that, there are no plot limits. Authentic life on a cattle ranch, roundups, branding, cattle drives, struggles with the environment, or any other circumstances conjured by the author's imagination are acceptable. Strong language is acceptable within the context of the story, at the judges' discretion.

Stories: 2000 word minimum, 5000 word maximum

Entries are to be submitted electronically, via email, to the three judges listed below. Stories should be typed in MS-Word: Times New Roman, 12-pt. font, double spaced. The first page should include the story title and author's name and email address.

Judges: Cheryl Pierson- fabkat\_edit@yahoo.com  
Troy D. Smith- troy\_d\_smith@hotmail.com  
Charles Whipple- chuck\_tyrell@inexjapan.jp

Deadline: May 25

Winners will be announced July 1

Prizes will be presented on National Day of the Cowboy, July 28th, at Redlands Barnes & Noble. J.R. Sanders will present the awards; winners who cannot be present at the awards ceremony will be contacted by Mr. Sanders to make other arrangements. *We must receive at least five entries in order to declare any winners.*

Prizes:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	\$100, one copy of <i>The Traditional West</i> , story posted on <a href="http://www.westernfictioneers.com">www.westernfictioneers.com</a>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	\$50, one copy of <i>The Traditional West</i>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> place:	\$25, one copy of <i>The Traditional West</i>

Also: the teacher of the 1st place winner will receive a \$25 B&N gift card

Note: copies of our anthology *The Traditional West*- which includes the 2012 Spur Award winner and several of the nominees for the Peacemaker Award for Western Fiction –will be autographed by various Western Fictioneers members, including the executive board.

Thank you for participating; write excellently!

Troy D. Smith  
President, Western Fictioneers



# UNDER THE COWBOY MOON

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