

## **Biography for Storyteller Tim Lowry**

Tim's love for show business began when he was six years old, watching a thrilling performance of the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus. Waiting for his big break Tim filled his childhood with performance opportunities. He was cast as Ebenezer Scrooge in a second-grade production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and a few years later played Jed Clampett in "A Beverly Hillbillies Christmas." Demonstrating to his Sunday school teacher that he could raise one eyebrow and thereby look "wicked" Tim landed the role of King Herod in the annual church Christmas pageant.

As a young teenager Tim formed a puppet company providing entertainment for children's birthday parties. His fee was \$20 per show, but he offered a \$5 discount if you could give him a ride as he was not old enough to drive. As an award-winning high school drama student he toured the United States in 1987 with a Broadway-style musical, performing in more than a dozen states. As a theater major in college, Tim studied Shakespeare and romantic opera, but when he took an elective class in storytelling he found himself.

After college, Tim taught English language arts for five years. Drawing on his love of show business his teaching methods were often considered "unorthodox and disruptive." In 2000, Tim left the classroom to pursue a career as a professional storyteller. (Ironically, he is now hired as an educational consultant to bring creative and innovative programs to schools across the country and is approaching his 10,000<sup>th</sup> performance!)

In 2012 Tim began touring nationally on the storytelling festival circuit performing on stages from Connecticut to California. Occasionally, Tim provides applied storytelling workshops for corporate and non-profit groups. His client list includes the County Commissioners Associations of Georgia and North Carolina, Dollywood DreamMore Resort, and Ballad Health.

In 2020 Tim received the Oracle Award from the National Storytelling Network for exceptional commitment and exemplary contributions to the art of storytelling in the Southeastern Region of the United States.

Tim's wife Bonnie is a professional music educator and currently maintains a small violin studio. She also homeschools the Lowrys' two daughters- Libby, who plays the ukulele and loves everything Harry Potter; and Bethany, who plays the piano and loves fishing for large mouth bass. The Lowrys make their home in Summerville, SC which is known as "The Birthplace of Sweet Tea."