

Steamboat Speakers and Presenters

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The Indiana Historical Society and Rivers Institute at Hanover College encourage you create public programming opportunities for your guests while you host *Steamboat a Comin': The Legacy of the New Orleans*. This list is provided as a service, but you are certainly encouraged to find other speakers and to create your own programs.

Groups desiring to contact one or more of the individuals listed below may do so by phone, e-mail or correspondence. Financial and travel arrangements should be discussed at the time of contact. In many cases both the speaker's fees and travel expenses are negotiable. The IHS lists the speakers as a service to them. None of the speakers listed herein represent the IHS.

Danny Back

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Fees: Donation to the Life on the Ohio River Museum, Vevay, Indiana

Notes: Presenter provides computer and projector. Will need a cart for projector and a screen.

Presentations:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>Steamboats on the Western Waters</i>	The story of the invention, rise and decline of the steamboat.	Lecture with PowerPoint	45 minutes
<i>Indiana and the Ohio River</i>	The role that the Ohio River played in developing Indiana.	Lecture with PowerPoint	45 minutes

Stephen Hollen

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Beavercreek, OH 45434

(937) 371-4071

Stephen@stephenhollen.com

www.marktwainstoryteller.com

Fees: \$300 to \$1,200 depending on event and venue; minimal travel expenses possible.

Negotiable—speaker will work with scheduling institution.

Notes: Speaker can bring PA system. Has lesson plans for school or children's events. Is available for festivals, willing to travel. Photos and One Sheet available at www.marktwainstoryteller.com.

Presentations:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>Mark Twain Riverboats and Recollections</i>	Suitable for adult audiences, stage or open room.	First-Person Performance	45 to 90 minutes (1 or 2 acts)
<i>Mark Twain, Storyteller</i>	Mr. Twain visits	Children's Interactive	Class Period or All Day

	children's events or schools. Lesson plans available.	Performance	
<i>Mark Twain, From Riverboat to Writer</i>	Mr. Twain in person doing a "walk around" and interacting with groups at museums, festivals, etc.	First-Person Interactive	45 to 60 minutes (Variable, depending on need)
<i>River Stories, River Music with Mark Twain and the Ohio River Minstrels</i>	Mark Twain loved music! Hear him tell stories and maybe even harmonize a few old river songs.	First-Person Musical Performance	45 to 60 minutes (Variable, depending on need)
<i>Tall Tales, River Tales</i>	Humorist and storyteller Stephen Hollen tells tall tales and yarns.	Storytelling Performance	45 to 60 minutes

The Ohio River Minstrels

John and Gwenn Noftsger

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Fees: Contact for details—negotiable.

Notes: Performances can be tailored and scheduled for indoors or outdoors. Depending on performance schedule, accommodations the night before or after the event may be requested. Performers have nineteenth-century costumes and a small, portable sound system.

Presentations:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>Steamboats Remembered in Story and Song</i>	Learn about river transportation from the flatboats of the early settlers through the great steamboat/glamorous showboat era as this duo highlights persons, events, and experiences that shaped the river culture and history in an entertaining musical presentation.	Musical performance suitable for adults and children.	45 to 90 minutes
<i>Callie French, Showboat Captain</i>	Learn about the life on a river showboat through this first-person portrayal of Captain Callie French, a showboat performer and early female riverboat pilot.	First-person performance.	30 to 40 minutes
<i>Steamboats Remembered in Story and Song with Callie French</i>	Highlights persons, events and experiences that shaped river culture and history in an entertaining musical	First-person musical performance.	70 to 90 minutes

	presentation in combination with a first-person portrayal of showboat captain and performer, Callie French.		
<i>Steamboats Remembered in Story and Song with Mark Twain</i>	Highlights persons, events and experiences that shaped river culture and history in an entertaining musical presentation in combination with a first-person portrayal of noted author and riverboat pilot Mark Twain	First-person musical performance for adults and children.	60 to 90 minutes
<i>Steamboats Remembered in Story and Song with Mark Twain and Callie French</i>	Entertaining musical presentation in combination with a first-person portrayal of both Mark Twain and Callie French.	First-person musical performance.	90 to 120 minutes

Charles “Chuck” Parrish

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Fees: Negotiable

Notes: Speaker provides the DVD, but DVD player and TV (or LCD player and screen) must be provided.

Presentation:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>Two Hundred Years of Steamboating: 1811-2011</i> (Film & Discussion)	Retired US Army Corps of Engineers historian Chuck Parrish will introduce a film created by the Rivers Institute at Hanover College that explores the development of steam power and its application to a floating vessel.	Film showing and Q&A	45 to 60 minutes (30 minute film plus Q&A)

Robert Reid

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Fees: Negotiable

Notes: If available, speaker requests use of screen and projector for DVD showing and PowerPoint presentation.

Presentations:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>Always a River: Down the Ohio from 1811 to 2011</i>	The history of the Ohio River as seen through the 1811 voyage of the <i>New Orleans</i> , the 1894 journey of the rowboat <i>Pilgrim</i> and the 1991 travel of the <i>Always a River</i> barge.	Lecture with PowerPoint and DVD	50 to 60 minutes

Kevin P. Stonerock

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Fees: \$500*

Notes: The speaker has been performing since 1980. He is the former director of the Indiana Junior Historical Society and does approximately 135 shows per year for groups of all ages. Contact by phone or e-mail for more information.

Presentations:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>Steamboat Tales: A Rollicking, First-Person Storytelling, Musical Look at Life Along the Ohio River</i>	Musical storytelling presentation outlining the historical significance of steamboats.	Storytelling/Musical	60 to 90 minutes (can be adjusted)

*This story is a part of the *Sharing Hoosier History Through Stories* program series sponsored by the Indiana Historical Society and Storytelling Arts of Indiana, Inc. Beginning in February of 2011, a limited number of grants will be awarded to help cover 50 percent of the presentation costs. After the funds are exhausted, the storyteller is willing to negotiate on the presentation rate. Contact Erin Kelley at (317) 234-3161 or email ekelley@indianahistory.org to learn more.

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Fees: Travel expenses only

Notes: Speaker needs an LCD projector and screen

Presentations:

Title	Summary	Presentation Type	Length
<i>The Impact of River Transportation on America's Development</i>	A past, present, and future look at river transportation.	Lecture with PowerPoint	30 to 40 minutes