



ERIC EMMERSON STRONG STORYTELLER

ERIC EMMERSON STRONG is a poet, an educator, a writer, an historical arts activist and a nationally recognized storyteller. He is the first-place winner of the 2007 Writers League of Texas Oral Storytelling Competition. Strong's stories speak to issues of tolerance, hope and self-esteem. His repertoire includes stories of the Old West, African and African-American folktales, peace tales and personal stories; and is at times punctuated with music, song, dance, poetry and puppetry. A former university administrator with over 25 years of experience in higher education, Strong garnered state and national recognition for innovation in college-prep programming for classroom teachers and limited income students. Strong holds a Bachelors Degree from Prairie View A&M University and a Masters from Texas Tech. His service in the arts and humanities has led to his being named "Man of the Year" on two occasions, once by the Confederated Women's Clubs of West Texas and a second time by the area chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. He was awarded "Texas Man of Distinction" by the National Business League of Texas and "Top Techsan" by the Texas Tech University.

STRONG'S SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE:

- Nationally Syndicated TV Talk Show, *Tony Brown's Journal*
- Discovery Channel's, *Rediscovering Our Roots with David Hartman*
- BBC Worldwide's international radio program, *Meridian Arts*
- NPR's Black History Month Series, *Discovering Our Roots*
- Rosa Parks Foundation's, *Pathways to Freedom Tour*
- National Association of Bilingual Educators
- National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration
- National Park Service — selected museums and historical sites