

# Hear the story . . .

**Experience. Participate. Learn. Know. Carry. Share.**

*of the historic march to King's Mountain . . . of a conflicted land, people, and the birth of a nation. It was the year 1780.*

Fall and Winter 2012-2013



Performed by . . .

professional storyteller and musician

**A. Trae McMaken**

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**Fiddler, Storyteller, banjoist, performer, multi-instrumentalist, educator, author, adjunct professor in the Bluegrass, Old Time, and Country Music Program at East Tennessee State University.**

Sponsored by the National Park Service and the Overmountain Victory Trail Association.

In the year 1780, in the midst of the American Revolution, the frontier was rife with conflict. In that time, those on the frontier changed the world.

The National Park Service and OVTA are happy to provide your group, class, or school a FREE professional experience of this historic story by storyteller and musician A. Trae McMaken.



It's **FREE . . . Don't miss this opportunity.**

This professional performance is provided free of charge for your class or group by the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail and the Overmountain Victory Association.

Learn more below:



# Read what teachers, organizers, and others are saying:

"Wonderful!! I would recommend all schools to utilize this program it really helps students put the Revolutionary War into perspective. The war was not cut and dry, it was not just as simple as the American side fighting against the British. The Revolutionary War was a very complex situation that involved differences of ideals and ideologies often within the same family or clan. Trae McMaken has the unique ability to bring that to life in a simple way so that students can make sense of it."

"I think that you did a fabulous job. The students were amazed at your ability to tell your story so well. " "We have been finished with this portion of NC History for some time now but I believe the students will remember more from the 40 minutes spent with you than they will from their entire unit."

**8th Grade Language Arts & Social Studies  
Teacher, Table Rock Middle School, North Carolina.**

"Trae was phenomenal. Between his detailed knowledge of the Battle of Kings Mountain and his talents as a storyteller and musician, he 'brought to life' the 18th century. His impact on his audience was evident: survey after survey listed Trae's stories and music as something they will never forget about their evening, even though there was much going on as part of our event. We are so grateful he was able to be part of our Candlelight Christmas."

**TJ DeWitt, Rocky Mount Living History Museum and  
Historic Site: Candlelight Christmas.**

"Trae's performance was both informative and captivating. Not only were the students engaged by the storytelling, but the Interpreters who are very familiar with the story of the campaign and Battle of Kings Mountain were as well. Trae's unique approach was a great way to open our event."

**Leigh Anne Hunter, Superintendent of the Abingdon  
Muster Grounds Event: John Battle High School, 11th  
Grade Field Trip**

"The performance was engaging and held the students' attention."

"The kids enjoyed all aspects of the event, especially the fiddling."

"I would like you to come back next year if you can."

**Teacher, Holston Valley Middle School, Tennessee**

"We were all pleased with your presentation."

"My students liked the representation of the characters and the songs."

"I thought the performance was very interesting and well presented."

**Teacher, Sullivan East High School, Appalachian  
Studies class, Tennessee.**



Read on to the next page to find out more about Trae McMaken and for booking information.



## This is not a story of facts and figures.

it's a story of conflict, change, and the contending views of passionate people.

### ***Trae McMaken:***

is a storyteller and musician, an experienced performer who has been on stages in the United States, Canada, and the Czech Republic. His extensive performing career has equipped him to provide experiences appropriate to varied ages and venues.

### ***Educator:***

Trae is an educator and has worked with schools to provide positive and educational storytelling and musical experiences. He currently teaches as an Adjunct Professor at East Tennessee State University and would be happy to provide the state educational grade standards to be met by his performances for your school or class.

### ***Benefits:***

Want to know more about history? Want to see its human face? Want to learn how Appalachian history changed the nation's history? Want to learn how the lives of men and women in 1780 directly influence our lives, today?

It's all free to you, as a service of the OVNHT and the OVTA.

For more info or booking. . .

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