



21  
01 **Media Kit** JJ\*



# Judy James

**Singer of Traditional Western Music  
Radio Show Host – Author - Educator**

- Lady Balladeer of Texas
- Nominated Female Vocalist of the Year by Western Music Association and Academy of Western Artists
- Author *Western Wisdom* – Educator’s Guide
- Co-Author – *Parker County Legends: Trail Bosses and Wild Horses*
- “Cowboy Jubilee” Western Music Radio Show Host
- Nominated Disc Jockey of the Year by Academy of Western Artists

Judy James is a singer, guitar player and writer who sings each song with passion for the West and its history. Judy loves the West and its way of life. It’s her mission to “Keep Our Western

Heritage Alive.” Producer Rich O’Brien says “she is a tireless ambassador of the Great American West”.

Judy has a golden voice that helps us not just hear, but feel the emotions of the West. These emotions are heard in her four recordings of Traditional Western Music:

- *Beneath These Western Skies* \* – Full album of Cowboy Music, 12 songs – Produced by Rich O’Brien
- *Spirit of the West* – Both traditional and newly composed songs to accompany *Western Wisdom*



Educators’ Guide

- *The Gift of the Cowboy* - Full album of Cowboy music, 12 songs – Produced by Rich O’Brien
- *Cowboy Jubilee* – Full album of Cowboy Music, 12 songs – Produced by Rich O’Brien

*\*The song “Lizzie” was the #4 song in the top ten single releases in 2006 as chosen by the Heartland Public Radio listeners.*

These three albums include many traditional Western songs as well as some that Judy has written. Each Judy James live performance encompasses the history and songs of the West. Audiences find themselves singing a Western tune after concerts and coming away with more knowledge of Western heritage.



## **Singer of Traditional Western Music**

Judy has performed live at the following venues:

- Tombstone Western Music Festival – Tombstone, AZ
- National Cowboy Symposium – Lubbock, Texas
- Doss Heritage & Culture Center – Weatherford, Texas
- National Cowboy Poetry Gathering – Elko, Nevada
- Charlie Russell Museum – Great Falls, Montana
- Festival of the West – Scottsdale, Arizona
- Texas Cowboy Gathering - Alpine, Texas
- State Fair of Texas – Dallas, Texas
- Charles Goodnight Festival - Claude, Texas
- National Cowgirl Hall of Fame – Fort Worth, Texas
- Western Music Association – Albuquerque, NM
- Cowboys, Heroes & Friends – Branson, MO
- Folk Alliance Festival – Austin, TX

*Along with many Educational Programs in public and private schools, many Cowboy Gatherings, Ranch Rodeos and other performances in cities across the United States.*



# *Keeping Our Western Heritage Alive!*



## Author

Additionally, that love of the West inspired Judy to write two books, *Western Wisdom*; her educators guide for teacher's and her co-authored book, *Parker County Legends: Trail Bosses and Wild Hosses*, a true story of Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight. As a West Quest Award Winner and Teacher of the Year, Judy continues teaching children about our ranching heritage through her school educational programs.

### Western Wisdom Educator's Guide

It has been said that more books, artwork, songs and movies have been written, composed or filmed about the years of approximately 1865 to 1890. This time period is studied and documented more than any other 25-year block of history. Judy has a great passion to continue teaching the era of the men and women who helped settle the West. Therefore, programs have been developed that are intended to bring life to that period in history. The Western Wisdom Educator's Guide was developed to reach the needs of educators to give more information, activities and songs. A CD with some of the songs from the programs is included with the guide as well as performance tracks without voice. The CD is suitable to use to present as a short program or concert.

The Guide includes the following sections:

- Background – Who is the cowboy and what is this Western Music?
- Prior to the Program – Use this section to acquaint students with the terminology and what to expect of the program.
- Follow-up Activities
- Activities – Includes activities that can be used to enrich the study of the period.
- Songs – Sing along with songs of the period and the people important to that time. Activities are included with each song.
- Appendix – A vocabulary list, reading list, list of music selections and a list of internet sites are included for further study.
- CD – The first four tracks are vocal and instrumental tracks, followed by those same songs with performance tracks for your PTA program or as a program to conclude your study.

### Parker County Legends; Trail Bosses and Wild Hosses

by Mary Kemp, Judy James and Pam Tarpley

Co-author of Parker County Legends; Trailbosses and Wild Hosses - the story of Charles Goodnight, Oliver Loving and Bose Ikard.

Judy co-authored the sections on Goodnight and Loving after doing many new interviews and deep research on the lives of these two men and their families. Stories from the Goodnight and Loving families, not commonly found, are in this book.



## Radio Show Host - “Cowboy Jubilee”

Since 1997 on each Saturday morning, Judy hosts “Cowboy Jubilee”, a two-hour radio show of Western Music and Western Heritage. Cowboy Jubilee streams live on the internet and has earned Judy a nomination of Disc Jockey of the Year. Past guests of the show include Don Edwards, Les Gilliam, Jack Hannah, Cheryl Rogers Barnett, R.W. Hampton and many others. It can be heard by going to [www.qxfm.com](http://www.qxfm.com) and clicking on the listen live tab. Cowboy Jubilee can also be heard locally (Weatherford, Texas) on 89.1FM, 88.5FM and 91.1FM.



Interview with Montie Goodin  
at the Goodnight Ranch in Goodnight, Texas



Judy on the air



## Educational Programs

*If we miss a generation our history is gone. Let's Keep Our Western Heritage Alive!*

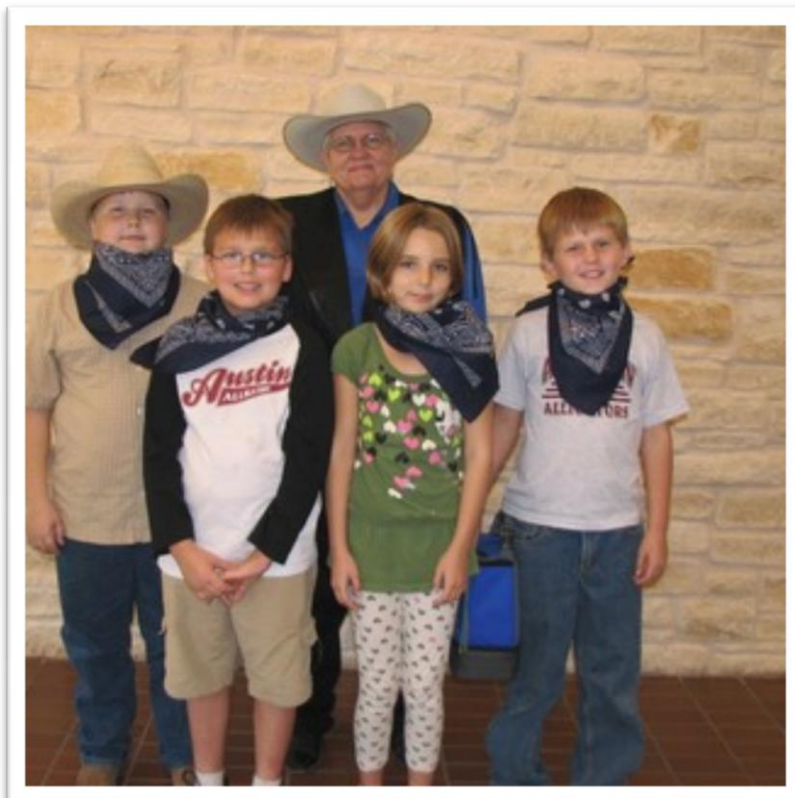
Educational Programs Available:

- The Cowboy and Trail Drives
- Mothers of Texas History
- Texas History In Song and Story
- The Alamo

Each program includes Judy singing and playing the guitar along with a power point presentation of historical facts and pictures that encompass each school's area and how it relates to Texas History.

As an educator, you need a program that:

- Includes TEKS objectives in Social Studies, Language Arts, Math and Music
- Is Adapted to the history of your area of the state
- Emphasizes the importance of reading and writing
- Promotes good citizenship





## **Educational Programs**

### **The Cowboy and Trail Drives Educational Program**

This program is designed for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students and students who study Texas and Western History, but can be adapted to all age groups. Program includes a power point presentation and Western items for students to feel and touch, which are associated with the cowboy days. Areas covered include who the cowboy is, the cattle drives and some of the songs collected during the era – many of which Judy sings with the students. An Educator's Guide with a CD is available for this program.

### **Mothers of Texas History Educational Program**

This program is designed for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students but as always can be adapted to all grade levels. Many of the unsung heroes of the early settlers were the women. Included in this study are women like Molly Goodnight – who was a school teacher and then the first white woman on the Llano Estacado and wife of Charles Goodnight; Lizzie Johnson – who owned her own herd and was the first woman to take her herd to market in Kansas, thus becoming known as the Cattle Queen of Texas; and many others who left their mark on our history. Judy sings songs with the students that aid in telling the story of these women in history.

### **Texas History in Song and Story Educational Program**

Texas History in Song and Story is a concert for kids! Many of the same songs and stories from other educational programs are included. However, Judy sings the majority of the program instead of talking. This program is designed for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade as an overview of Texas History from the settling of Texas through the end of the cowboy era. This program is TEKS related and includes a power point presentation.

### **The Alamo Educational Program**

This program looks at the history of the Alamo and takes a deep look into the beginning of the Republic of Texas. The Alamo is more than a building; it is the icon of Texas Independence and the new Republic which has stood in the hearts and mind of all Texans. The program is for a higher educational level and is designed specifically for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. It includes a power point presentation including many pictures not easily available.



## **A little more about Judy**

### Member & Affiliations:

- Western Music Association
- Charter Member of the National Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame
- Texas Music Educators Association
- Delta Kappa Gamma International – Key Women Educators
- Parker County and Texas Retired Teachers Association

### Awards:

- West Quest Tribute for Excellence for work as an Entertainer, Historian and Professional Educator
- Heartland Public Radio – 2006 Top Ten Song Awards (*Lizzie* ranked 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Nominated for Female Vocalist of the Year
- Nominated for Disc Jockey of the Year

Before her singing career, Judy graduated from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas and became a high school choir director with award winning choirs. Her choirs sang in Carnegie Hall in New York City.

## **Contact Us**

### **Media Contact & Booking Information:**

**Judy James**  
**J Spur Productions**

judy@judyjames.com \* www.judyjames.com  
817.613.9012 phone \* 817.929.1853 cell \* 817.613.9967 fax  
PO Box 953 \* Weatherford, Texas 76086