



# Mike Blakely

Singer/Songwriter ~ Novelist

As a singer/songwriter, Mike Blakely has released 11 CDs, performed all over the U.S., and has made 16 tours to Europe. His songs have been recorded by Gary P. Nunn, Red Steagall, Flaco Jimenez and Raul Malo, John Arthur Martinez, Randy Brown, Geronimo Trevino III and Johnny Rodriguez, Johnny Bush, Pauline Reese, and others.

As an author, he has published 17 books released by major New York City publishers. His last two books were co-writes, one with Willie Nelson, the other with Kenny Rogers.

A native Texan, Mike served in the U.S. Air Force and later earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Texas at Austin. He released his first novel in 1988 and his first CD in 1995. One of his co-written tunes landed on a Grammy Award-winning album by Flaco Jimenez in 1995. Another was played on the orbiting International Space Station in 2007.

Mike is a two-time winner of Western Writers of America's Spur Award – once for best western novel of the year, and once for best western song of the year.

Mike spent many years touring with his dancehall band, but now plays more shows as a solo artist, or in a duo or trio configuration at listening rooms, house concerts, festivals, and private parties. His career as a novelist leads to many non-traditional concerts at book stores, libraries, writers conferences, and book clubs.

"Having celebrated our house concert anniversary with the seventh show by Mike, we can only attest that it just keeps getting better and better! I'll personally guarantee it to be one of the musical highlights of your life!" ~ Paula Reynolds, Hilltop House Concerts, Kerrville, TX.

"Blakely is a consummate artist whose superb ability to capture an audience only serves to highlight his songwriting skills... which approach brilliance." – Buddy Case, "The Loft," Enola, AK

"Mike helped us establish our restaurant as a major music venue in the Hill Country of Texas. He has produced a weekly concert series for us for over eight years, consistently packing the house show after show. We have been named "Best Live Music Venue" four years in a row thanks to his efforts. He is an established talent, a huge asset to our business and a real pro." Paul Brady, owner/mgr. River City Grille, Marble Falls, TX.

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