

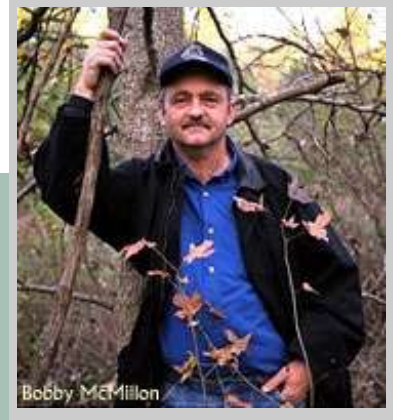
Bobby McMillon

Folk Ballad / Storyteller

Bobby McMillon is a true Southern Appalachian Storyteller. He learned his craft growing up in the foothills and mountains of North Carolina from his family and community. Bobby gathered his material from life steeped in the tradition of community knowledge and stories, tales, and songs passed down through the generations. His talent for telling tall tales took him out of the foothills to perform at the Smithsonian's Bicentennial Celebration. He won the North Carolina Folk Life Society's 1995 Folk Life Award. Bobby shares his tales and ballads at numerous festivals, schools, and community events.

Bobby McMillon was just presented the North Carolina Folk Heritage Award in September 2000! His credits also include features in the movie "Song Catcher" fall of 2000; "A Tree Accurst", a biography by Dantel Patterson, fall of 2000; one song on the sound tract for "Song Catcher" fall of 2000, and the documentary, "Ballad of Frankie Silver" by Frankie Silver.

In his programs, Bobby hopes to awaken the students' interest in those things and happenings that came before they were here. The importance of family, community, and oral traditions are stressed. Bobby guides students while they gather their own personal histories and stories. The presentation portion of the residency includes the history and culture of North Carolina foothills and mountains. North Carolina customs, sayings, mores, jokes, riddles, and legends provide the material for a rich and historic week.



- ◆ Bobby McMillon
Folk Ballad/Storyteller
- ◆ Grades K-12
- ◆ Materials/Cost: None
- ◆ Available for Residency less than 5 days
- ◆ Available for community performances.