

3rd ANNUAL TEXAS LAFS CONFERENCE

Lewisville, Texas
April 2, 3, 4 2009



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Who Should Attend?

Newly established groups to veteran groups - Life Safety Educators, Public Safety Personnel, Training Officers, Sound Technicians, Public Information Specialists, support personnel and those interested in developing effective safety education programs.

Classes Offered

Here are some of the exciting classes and hands-on workshops scheduled for this year's conference:

- Basic Prop Construction
- Basic Puppetry
- Beginning Magic
- Character Development
- Comic Movement
- Costuming
- Live Music In Shows
- Makeup Sessions
- One- and Two-person Shows
- Script Writing
- Gag Development
- Sound and Technical
- Stage Presence

Bring your puppets, costumes, make-up and props for a hands-on experience that will hone your characterization skills!

Backdrop/Prop Swap

If you have old backdrops or props that your group is not using, and other groups might be able to use, please bring them. We do ask that you take them back home if nobody ends up needing them.

Don't miss this opportunity for extensive interactive training in the methods of "Educational Characterization."

This is two and a half days of intensive training, with classes starting at 0900 and going all the way until 2100 on Thursday and Friday, and until Noon on Saturday. As a result, meals will be served at the conference in order to maximize the training time.

Special Guest Instructor: JT "Bubba" Sikes

Without a doubt, **J. T. "Bubba" Sikes** IS the *funniest*, and *most sought after*, entertainer in clowning today. No matter what type of clown you may be or how long you've been clowning, Bubba will *inspire* you to higher levels of entertaining. He will leave you with countless *new ideas*, and *renewed inspiration!*



A dynamic clown, author, instructor and motivational speaker, J.T. Sikes is recognized as one of the premier Ministry Clowns in the country. He has the extraordinary knack of communicating with you the moment you first meet. His character, "Bubba", is a wonderful, creative and charismatic clown that delights and amuses audiences with his very positive style of clowning. This warm and whimsy character will get into your heart and make you laugh every time you think of him.

Traveling from coast to coast, Bubba has performed and lectured in churches, hospitals, nursing homes, clown alleys and at National and Regional Conventions. He has served on staff at Advanced Studies, Circus Magic, Clownfest and ClownTown. He is an award winning clown in Makeup, Single Skit, Group Skit, Gospel Skit and Parades.

He is regarded as one of the best clown makeup artists in the country. In 1997, Bubba was featured on opening night at the Fellowship of Christian Magicians. This was the first time this organization has ever featured a clown on opening night.

Bubba's motto: "Normal is Boring... It's O.K. to color outside the lines . . . Be bold, Be different . . . Have FUN in what you do!" He always reminds his audience that "God has a sense of humor. If you don't believe this, just look at yourself in the mirror when you first wake up in the morning."

Tim and Amanda Cowles from the Dallas Ft. Worth area

Tim and Amanda Cowles are quickly becoming a favorite in schools and churches all over America. Their programs combine elements of ventriloquism, puppetry, music, object lessons, and illusions. These combined talents present a clear message of respect, cooperation and acceptance to children and adults. Tim was introduced to ventriloquism at the age of 12 while working at his grandfather's summer camp for youth. He was fascinated by many of the talented speakers at the camp. Now 20 years later, Tim and his wife Amanda are now owners and operators of The Dummy Works, a company specializing in the production of fun and colorful ventriloquist characters. They are also frequent speakers, judges and performers at international ventriloquist and puppetry conferences hosted by One Way Street, Inc., world renowned leaders in puppetry and ventriloquism. In 1999 Tim was a member of One Way Street's Ventriloquist Dream Team and directed the team in 2003. This past year he co-directed the Dream Team again with Dennis Lee, also from Nana Puddin' Productions. Tim has also served as president for the Fellowship of Christian Magicians. Amanda was a member of One Way Street's 2000 Puppetry Dream Team and served as director to a performing team at the International Festival for Puppetry and Ventriloquism. Amanda's work has taken her throughout the U.S. as well as parts of Mexico as she continues to teach and entertain children of all ages with her colorful characters. Besides traveling all over the country teaching children and adults for Nana Puddin', Amanda is working on her degree in English Literature and Communications and will graduate from North Texas University in 2008. Tim and Amanda's character education programs continue to delight children and adults of all ages, and The Dummy Works continues to provide others with the tools necessary for pursuing puppetry and ventriloquism for themselves.



Conference Location:

Studio Movie Grill
1600 S Stemmons Fwy (at Corporate Dr)
Lewisville, TX 75067



Conference Hotel:

Suburban Extended Stay DFW Airport North
1920 Lakepointe Drive
Lewisville, TX 75057

For Reservations call:
Ana Marie Palma and tell her you are with the LAFS group.
The rate is \$75.00 per night.
(214) 564-8176



Registration

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Puppeteer / Tech / Character (Name) _____

Experience: New 1-2yrs 3-5yrs 5+yrs

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Registration Fees:

The registration fees for the 2009 Texas LAFS conference are:

\$200.00 per person. Includes membership dues to LAFS, conference registration and conference meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Supper for Thursday and Friday, Breakfast and snack on Saturday.

Make checks payable to: Texas LAFS

Mail to: Texas LAFS
PO Box 294977
Lewisville, TX 75029-4977

-or- FAX your registration to: (972) 353-3169 and bring your check to the door.

For more information contact:
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Registration Deadline- March 26, 2009

FAQ

- Does TexasLAFS accept PO's?: Yes. Please FAX us the PO and payment info.
- Can I pay by Credit Card?: Yes, through PayPal. Make your payment to: payments@lifeandfiresafety.com
- Can I pay at the door?: Yes, but please complete and FAX your registration to us.
- Can I pay for one day?: Yes, individual days are \$100.00 per person.
- Do I get CE credits for the conference?: Yes, because of our affiliation with TEEX.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, April 2nd

7:30-8:30	Registration	Coffee and donuts
8:30-9:00	Introductions and Welcome by Lewisville Fire Dept.	

<u>Times</u>	<u>Class and Location</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
9:00 - 10:30	General session Comedy Magic	Bubba Sikes
10:30 - 10:45	Break	
10:45 - 12:15	<u>Break out sessions</u>	
	History of Clowning	Stacey Figueroa
	Physical Comedy	Calvin Cook
	Beginning Magic	Chris Jefferson
12:15-12:30	Break	
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch	Provided by LAFS
1:30 - 3:00	General session "No prop clowning"	Bubba Sikes
3:00-3:15	Break	
3:15 - 4:45	<u>Break out Sessions 2</u>	
	Make up	Stacey Figueroa
	Props and Back drops	Brent Rollins
	Basic Sound	Jeff Bates
4:45 - 5:00	Break	
5:00 - 6:00	Bubba Sikes Performance during Dinner	Provided by LAFS
6:00 - 7:30	Break out 3	
	Proper Safety messages	Stacey
	Staging	Chris and Calvin
	Video and Editing with little \$	Crocker
08:00	Social gathering TBA	

Friday, April 3rd

8:00 - 8:30	Registration	Coffee and donuts
<u>Times</u>	<u>Class and Location</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
8:30 - 10:00	General session Puppet production	Tim and Amanda Cowles
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 11:45	<u>Break out sessions</u> - Starting a Program	Brent
	Puppet	Tim and Amanda
	1 and 2 person shows	Brent and Charlie
11:45 - 12:00	Break	
12:00-1:00	Lunch	Provided by LAFS
1:00 - 2:30	General session Character Dev.	Bubba Sikes
2:30 - 2:45	Break	
2:45 - 4:15	<u>Break out sessions</u> Music	Jeff Chistianson
	Puppets	Tim and Amanda
	Improv and what's funny	Charlie and Hank
4:15 - 4:30	Break	
4:30 - 6:00	General Session with	Bubba Sikes
6:00 - 6:15	Break	
6:15 - 7:30	Dinner with Tim and Amanda	
7:30 - ?	Prop building	staff

Saturday, April 4th

8:00 - 8:30

Registration

Coffee and donuts

Times

Class and Location

Instructor

8:30 - 10:00

General session Improv

Bubba Sikes

10:00 - 10:15

Break

10:15 - 12:00

Break out sessions

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Music

Jeff Christianson

Puppet construction

Morris

Song Writing

Safety Sam

12:00-1:00

Lunch

Provided by LAFS

1:00 - 2:30

General Session Script Writing

Bubba Sikes

2:30 - 2:45

Break

2:45 -3:15

Awards and Closing

3:15 - 4:00

Break Down and Move out !!!!