

## **Troubadour Presents "Keep The Home-Fires Burning"** *(Patriotic songs for Memorial Day)*

On Monday, May 27th from 7:00-8:00 P.M., Tom Callinan will be performing "**Keep The Home-Fires Burning**" at the Hampton Community Center, as part of the Recreation Commission's observance of Memorial Day. Honored as Connecticut's first "Official State Troubadour" in 1991, Mr. Callinan's program will include classic patriotic songs, Americana, and original compositions related to historic people, events, and patriotic themes – many of them excerpted from his numerous recordings. A master at generating audience participation, the Norwich resident will be self-accompanied on a variety of instruments from the string, wind, and percussion families.

After serving in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, Mr. Callinan completed his B.S. in Secondary Education from CCSU, and then taught junior high school English and Reading in East Hampton, CT. In 1977 he left the classroom to complete his Masters Degree at Wesleyan University, and launched a full-time career specializing in Arts-In-Education programming and intergenerational entertainment. Among thousands of performances in the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Ireland, and Barbados over the past 36 years, Tom's credits include: The John F. Kennedy Center For The Performing Arts; The National Theatre – both in Washington, D.C.; The National Storytelling Festival and the International Storytelling Center – both in Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Tom's media appearances include: ABC-TV's "Good Morning America"; CNN's "Earth Matters" environmental program; and PBS' children's show, "Shining Time Station", among others. Excerpts from two of his original songs were included on an Emmy Award-winning documentary, *A Connecticut Yankee In Red Square*, produced by Connecticut Public Television. Two other original compositions were included in the "We Like Kids" Songbooks, distributed throughout the United States.

All of Tom's recordings are available from CRACKERBARREL ENTERTAINMENTS: <[www.crackerbarrel-ents.com](http://www.crackerbarrel-ents.com)> in Norwich, CT. For further information, contact: (860) 889-6648 or <[info@crackerbarrel-ents.com](mailto:info@crackerbarrel-ents.com)>.

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