

Andy Wilkinson

Artist-in-Residence, TTU Southwest Collection



Andy was born in Slaton, Texas, but moved to Lubbock when he was five years old. He got his undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University and attended graduate school at the University of Denver for couple of years but got out on good behavior! Andy spent 6 years in the Denver area before moving back to the Llano Estacado area where he remains.

Andy's first job as an adult was in police work. He did that for a dozen years before spending the next ten years in business, mostly in finance, working both for myself and for a big New York investment bank. For the past two dozen years, he has made his way as a writer and performer. He has recorded eleven albums of original music and written eight plays. Andy has authored two books and has poems published in a couple of anthologies and an essay in a book on West Texas. He has been fortunate to have won some nice awards — among them five National Western Heritage “Wrangler” Awards, four for music and one for poetry.

Married to his wife in 1968, Andy has two children, Ian and Emily and two grandchildren, Pixel and Sterling.

He is currently Artist in Residence at the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library at Texas Tech University, where he also teaches songwriting in the School of Music.