



Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing

This summer marks a half-century since man first walked on the moon. Here's the story from the other side -- the Russian side...

RED MOON RISING IN THE EAST is a one-man play by award-winning Virginia playwright Dwayne Yancey. It is based on the life of Sergei Korolev, the mastermind of the Soviet space program. Because his name was a state secret in the Soviet Union, he is virtually unknown in the West, but he is almost single-handedly responsible for the space race — he launched the first satellite, the first animal into space, the first satellite to the moon, the first man in space, the first woman in space, and many other space firsts long before the Americans. Korolev was a visionary engineer who was first jailed under Stalin's purges for his experiments, and then released when Stalin understood the need for a missile program. Korolev died tragically, in 1966, and the Soviet moon program died with him. Running time: 90 minutes.

Red Moon Rising made its debut in 2009-2010, with performances in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Virginia. It is being revived to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing - July 20, 2019. The program is limited to 30 performances between June 15 and August 31, 2019.

The program is performed by Roanoke actor Gary Reid; his own one-man show *A Life of Sorrow - the Life and Times of Carter Stanley* has been performed 90 times in 15 states and 3 Canadian provinces.



About Gary Reid

- Performer with over 60 credits as an actor, stage manager, and producer
- Author of one-man play *A Life of Sorrow - the Life and Times of Carter Stanley*
- Author of *"The Music of the Stanley Brothers"* (University of Illinois Press)
- Co-author of *"The Bluegrass Hall of Fame Inductee Biographies"*
- Print Media Person of the Year, 2015, International Bluegrass Music Association
- Winner, Best Historical Research, 2016, Association for Recorded Sound Collections
- Three-time winner of the IBMA award for Best Liner Notes
- Second-place winner at the 2014 [Sound of the Mountains Storytelling Festival](#)

Red Moon Rising - Accolades

"This tour-de-force one man show . . . There isn't a moment to spare on stage in the retelling of Korolev's precarious and deft handling of not only the Soviet Union's space program, but also his manipulation of the Soviet power structure to get the money he needed to build his rockets. Through strategic uses of humor, some self-deprecating . . . Yancey's script takes life to educate theatre audiences about the strange bedfellows Korolev must entertain, flatter, cajole, and challenge to get what he wants: a rocket powerful enough to get to the Moon."

-- Ouevre magazine, Duluth, Minnesota

Gary Reid - Accolades

"I highly recommend Gary Reid's theatrical performance of 'A Life of Sorrow: The Life and Times of Carter Stanley.' Our audience was totally captivated by his poignant performance. He is highly professional and a pleasure to deal with. We have added him to our repeat performance list." — Lora A. Glass, Adult Services Manager, Niceville Public Library, Niceville, Florida

"[A] heartfelt performance before an enrapt audience had moments of both humor and sadness as he eloquently painted a picture of this young musician's life and struggles." — Darlene Smithwick, Adult Services Coordinator, Roanoke County Library, Roanoke, Virginia

"Your program, 'A Life of Sorrow,' based on Carter Stanley, was an incredible performance that brought history to life for the packed crowd in our museum. Your talents allowed our audience to learn about this influential performer, and his time, in a way that museum exhibits cannot communicate. It was a wonderful experience that I would recommend to any venue that wants to engage visitors." — Ernest Dollar, Director, City of Raleigh Museum, Raleigh, North Carolina

"Gary Reid's 'A Life of Sorrow: The Life and Times of Carter Stanley' performance was spectacular! Our patrons were absolutely thrilled with his performance. I highly recommend this program to anyone with an interest in traditional southern Appalachian culture and music." — Darren Smith, Reference Librarian, Watauga County Public Library, Boone, North Carolina

Book now!

Add "Red Moon Rising in the East" to your programming calendar today. For booking information or other questions, contact:

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