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Performer Profile

Mike McCann – The Work Keeps Rollin’ In

With an acting career in full swing, Mike McCann is a clear example of the professional and diverse talent seen at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. This year’s Festival marks the fifth time McCann has been invited to perform at the exciting stage show finale. He is slated to perform as part of the Festival’s chorus but will also audition parts.

McCann, who is known for his friendly and cheerful demeanor, won first place this year in the Group Dramatic Prose and Group Comedy categories of the national competition, and also won silver in the Solo Patriotic Poetry category. In his group comedy win, “Dances of the Stars,” McCann delivered a spoof performance on the signature primetime show “Dancing with the Stars.” His gold medal performance in the drama category, “Irony of War,” was a reading of quotes on war from famous contributors, accompanied by pictures. The silver medal poetry entry is titled “When You Think of Liberty, Think of Me.”

His recent role as Chattanooga Lookouts Coach Bert Niehoff on a Fox Sports Network program called Amazing Sports Stories: “The Jackie Mitchell Story” has McCann beaming with pride. Another career high for this 62-year-old Army veteran from Redondo Beach, Calif., is the role of Dr. Nelson on “Mystery ER”, a Discovery Health program, scheduled to air in October 2008.

McCann is a true talent and a lifetime student in theater arts. A graduate of California State University at Long Beach with bachelor’s degree in theater studies, McCann received his draft notice shortly after graduation in 1968. With a family history of military service, he felt it was his turn to serve. In the Army, McCann became a chaplain’s assistant and worked for the Command Information Office where he produced videos, wrote acting roles, and hosted a community radio news segment – a perfect assignment for his talents. McCann was honorably discharged from the Army in 1970.

“The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is a reunion for me after all these years of fun,” McCann says. “Staff and fellow cast mates are like my family.” Mike McCann is quite the entrepreneur when it comes to promoting his talent. Be sure to visit his Web site at: www.mccann-man.com for more about this talented veteran’s latest and greatest achievements.