

MÓNICA GÓMEZ

PERFORMING SONGWRITER & TEACHING ARTIST

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BIOGRAPHY

Mónica Gómez has more than 30 years experience as a writer, performer (singer and guitarist), recording and teaching artist, and on-air talent. Born in Mexico and raised in El Paso, on the Texas / Mexico border, her **concerts, educational programs, and professional presentations** reflect her commitment to the power of the arts.

Performing songwriter: Three elegantly simple CDs preserve the intimacy of her live performances, highlighting her remarkable voice, tightly crafted lyrics, and delicate guitar arrangements. Her songs brim with substance.

- 2004 and 2005 – Mónica performed for **Governor Rick Perry at the Texas Trade Delegation in Mexico City** as cultural emissary for Texas Commission on the Arts.
- May 2001 – She was the only solo U.S. artist invited by the People's Republic of China to perform in the **Meet in Beijing Arts Festival**, a 3-week, 7-city tour with artists from around the world.
- Since 1995, Mónica has received consecutive annual **Special Awards from ASCAP**, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. She has appeared at the Kerrville Folk Festival; the Napa Valley Music Festival; and the Chamizal Festival in El Paso, Texas, where she's also led numerous Songwriters' Circles and workshops.
- Mónica is listed in both the **Texas Commission on the Arts** and the **Heartland Arts Touring Rosters**, and the **Arkansas Arts Council AIE Roster**.

Arts educator, poet and writer: Sought after for her innovative multidisciplinary workshops, readings and written works.

- Appears in 2005 **Quotable Texas Women**.
- Featured in 2003 on National Public Radio's "**Theme and Variations.**"
- Appears in 2002 anthology of prestigious Texas women writers, **Red Boots & Attitude**.

Arts advocate: Regular panelist for both the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Writers' League of Texas.

Professional broadcasting: Six years as a television news reporter. Earned accolades for scriptwriting, video editing, and camera presence. Three years as host of top-rated live medical call-in radio program.

- 1995, inducted into the **El Paso Commission for Women's Hall of Fame** in recognition of her outstanding work in broadcasting.
- Since 1993, moderates three annual live Public Television broadcasts of the **National Issues Forums**.
- 2003, selected to participate in national broadcast from Philadelphia of "**By the People**" – a collaboration by MacNeil/Lehrer Productions, PBS, the Kettering Foundation, and the National Issues Forums. Served as research consultant with the Kettering Foundation.