

Bio for E. Michael Lunsford

Playwright/Composer/Lyricist

I'm a published author, poet and playwright. I'm also a lyricist, composer, pianist, guitarist, inventor, entrepreneur, UI designer and mobile app developer. Although I hold 27 patents and have written 14 books on computer technology, my current passion is writing plays, musicals and children's books.

My book of wacky kid's poems, *Sometimes I Get My Shoes on Backwards*, was published in 2014, receiving [five-star reviews](#) including the **Readers' Favorite** Five Stars Award.

My Halloween play, *Scary, Scary Night*, was completed as a comedy in 2014 and as a musical in 2015.

The non-musical comedy version of *Scary, Scary Night* was selected as a semi-finalist in the annual **Playwrights First** contest in New York and as a winner in the **WILDsound Festival** resulting in a full staged reading showcased online in September, 2015.

The comedy was also selected as a finalist and then winner by the **Shawnee Original Playwright Series**, resulting in a series of performances at the Shawnee Playhouse in October, 2016.

The musical version was selected as a finalist at the **New York Venus/Adonis Festival** (not performed due to financial constraints) and selected as a semi-finalist in **Caryl Crane Youth Theatre's** 2015 Ronald M. Ruble New Play Festival.

Four songs from the musical were also selected for cabaret performance at the New Musical Theatre of San Francisco and four additional songs were performed by Opera and Beyond at their Halloween Howl in Denver, Colorado.

Born into a military family, I lived and worked for five years in England, studied physics in Germany, and received my B.A. in English Literature after two years of university study in Spain before joining the MBA program at Santa Clara University in Silicon Valley. I have also been a radio disc jockey in Tampa and performed as a singer-songwriter in Baltimore. I'm a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, the South Bay Writers Club, the NYC Playwrights Group and other creative arts organizations. With my wife and love of my life, Merlyn, I currently live and work happily in San Carlos, California.