

Ricky Tims

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### Ricky Tim's Bio

Ricky Tims successfully blended two diverse passions of music and quilting into one very unique and interesting career. He is known in the international world of quilting as an enthusiastic and encouraging teacher, an award-winning quilter, and a talented and spellbinding speaker. His innovative and entertaining presentations, feature live music and humor combined with scholarly insights and wisdom. His quilts have been displayed worldwide, and are highly regarded as excellent examples of contemporary quilts with traditional appeal.

Ricky began designing and making quilts in 1991 and was recently was selected as one of "The Thirty Most Distinguished Quilters in the World". In 2008, Quiltmania named Ricky one of 9 "Exceptional Men" in the quilting world. Ricky was featured in March 2008 on [CBS Sunday Morning](#). He is the author of 10 books (with over 100,000 copies sold) that demonstrate his unique blend of artistry with quilt making. He not only maintains an extensive international schedule of teaching and speaking engagements, he is the founder of the often sold-out "Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminars" touring throughout the United States. Ricky is also designer of his own line of fabrics and threads.

Ricky was also chosen by the readers of Quilter's Newsletter magazine (Feb 2009) as "The Most Influential Person in The Quilting Industry" (in a three-way tie with Alex Anderson, and Karey Bresenhan of Quilts, Inc).

Ricky's blend of music and quilting is unique and remarkable. Ricky's lifelong passion for music began with formal music lessons at the age of three. He is a pianist, conductor, composer, arranger, music producer, and performing artist, with several recordings in his portfolio. Tims' music is neither classical, new age, pop nor world, and yet it could fall under any of those classifications.

Ricky and his life partner, Justin Shults, live in South Central Colorado where they own the Tims Art Quilt Retreat Center.