H.R. “Stoney” Stoneback
at Misericordia University
April 14, 2014

WORLD-RENOVVED AUTHOR, MUSICIAN AND POET
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Monday, April 14, 2014
1:30 p.m.
Presentations by Misericordia Students on the Poetry of H.R. Stoneback
(with commentary by Stoneback)
Anderson Sports & Health Center—Room 226
3:30 p.m.
H.R. Stoneback Master Class, “Religion and Literature: Through a Class, Darkly?”
University Chapel, First Floor—Mercy Hall
5:30 p.m.
Poetry Reading by H. R. Stoneback – Pauly Friedman Art Gallery
Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall

H. R. “Stoney” Stoneback was born and raised in Philadelphia and later lived in Camden and stayed often with his relatives in Lancaster County. At a young age, Stoneback traveled around Pennsylvania, South Jersey, and eventually the whole country, playing his guitar and telling stories. While he worked as a farmer, lumberjack, and truck-driver, he always wrote songs and poems. He played on stages with musicians like Bob Dylan at Gerde’s Folk City and he hitch-hiked with singers like Jerry Jeff Walker. Walker later wrote a song about Stoneback—his second most requested song after Mr. Bojangles—titled “Stoney.” After getting kicked out of college twice and after doing a stint in the Marines, Stoneback settled into the night-life of New Orleans for a few years in the early sixties playing on Bourbon Street. Eventually, he went back to school and enrolled at Rutgers where he earned a BA in English. He finished an MA in English at the University of Hawaii and a PhD in English at Vanderbilt University. He has taught since 1969 at the State University of New York at New Paltz (where he is now a Distinguished Professor) and has lectured at Peking University, University of Paris, and has acted as Director of the American Center for Students and Artists in Paris.

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