

Rick Beyer



"You are a born raconteur, and you kept everyone's interest throughout the evening. I heard so many compliments afterwards that I lost track."

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Rick Beyer is an award winning filmmaker, a *New York Times* bestselling author, and a popular speaker to audiences around the country.

Beyer produced and directed the PBS documentary *The Ghost Army*, the story of a top-secret group of GIs who staged a traveling road show of deception on the battlefields of Europe during World War II. He is the co-author (with Liz Sayles) of *The Ghost Army of World War II*. It is now being developed as a Hollywood movie by the producers of *American Sniper*, including actor Bradley Cooper. He is also the president of The Ghost Army Legacy Project, a non-profit created to preserve and honor the legacy of the unit.

Beyer has made documentary films for The History Channel, A&E, National Geographic, the Smithsonian and others. He is also the author of the popular *Greatest Stories Never Told* series of history books published by Harper Collins. His latest book, *Rivals Unto Death*, traces the intricate thirty-year tug-of-war between Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr that led to their deadly encounter in Weehawken. Beyer has appeared on CBS News, Fox News, NPR, CNN and elsewhere.

He has engaged audiences large and small at numerous venues including the Smithsonian Institution, the New Orleans Museum of Art, The Fort Collins Music and Book Festival, the Orpheum Theater in Galesburg Illinois, and historic Fraunces Tavern in New York City. Popular topics include *The Ghost Army of WWII*, *Rivals Unto Death: Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr*, *Confessions of a History Filmmaker*, and *The Greatest Music Stories never Told*. His presentations are spiked with humor, creative visuals and quirky props. They have proven popular at conferences, corporations, universities, libraries and other venues.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Beyer currently lives in Chicago, IL.