

## JOE SALTEL

Joe's introduction to square dance calling came at the early age of eight, when his grandfather assisted him in learning his first few singing calls. Joe has been actively calling and teaching Basic through A- 2 since 1971, and more recently C-1. He has been a featured caller for many festivals, conventions, and special dances in over 40 states (including Alaska and Hawaii), Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and Sweden. Joe is a member of Callerlab and is BMI/ASCAP licensed.

As a recording artist, his voice can be heard on the Alliance, Blue Star, Chic, Chinook, DJ, Dance Ranch, Hi-Hat, Riverboat, Royal, SDBob, & Silver Sounds labels, as well as many CD's and cassettes. Joe is also a member of SAG, and he choreographed and appeared in a made-for-TV movie, "Blue Skies".

Joe and his wife Chris married in 1982 & they have led ten successful tours/cruises to Alaska, the Caribbean, and Mexico (Puerto Vallarta & Cancun). Chris held a managerial position for 19 years, and has always supported Joe's calling career. In 2001, they relocated from their home on the Northern California coast and now live full-time in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas. Their daughter Tanya traveled & called onstage with Dad and has appeared on some of Joe's CD's; she is now 33 years old and a mother of her own two-year-old daughter.

Joe and Chris spend November - April running a full square dance program in Pharr, TX. The remaining months they tour and travel domestically & internationally to call at festivals & special dances, and frequently visit their daughter Tanya and two-year-old granddaughter Shania. Joe enjoys what he calls his vocation and avocation, and feels fortunate to be part of this great activity.

For more info on Joe, including itinerary, schedule, etc, please check out his website:

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