



Billy McLaughlin Outreach Programs

Community Presentation Topics -

Acoustic Guitar and String Orchestra with morning presentation:

Billy McLaughlin will perform with your community orchestra, college orchestra, church orchestra, or student orchestra. Two rehearsals are required and included in performance fee. Typically, Billy will arrive in your community the day prior to the concert for the first rehearsal. The next morning, Billy will be available to present multiple one-hour talks from the list of subjects below to local schools or businesses. Rehearsal number two would begin two hours prior to doors opening for the evening concert.

Motivational/Educational Presentation Topics -

The Fortune Cookie Incident – the Power of Persistence

When faced with an incurable neuro-muscular disorder, Billy McLaughlin took on the unthinkable challenge to re-learn his instrument left-handed and has reached virtuoso status on the guitar a second time. How did a fortune cookie play a critical role during the torturous comeback? He'll explain that and more including the forms and symptoms of Dystonia, the power of persistence, and a whole new way to play guitar. Informative and entertaining with facts, humor and music.

Overcoming Hidden Handicaps

Not everyone with a handicap or physical challenge is easily identified. Those with hidden handicaps like focal Dystonia face a unique challenge in how others perceive and/or dis-believe their condition. This talk focuses on Billy's five steps to take control of your own challenging situation:

Admit, Assess, Organize, Execute, Enjoy!

Motivational and entertaining with personal anecdotes, humor and music.

The Artist Life – You Might Grow Up To Be An Artist too!

Geared towards middle-school and younger, this one hour presentation challenges kids to identify the countless ways in which art surrounds them. It makes clear the benefits of artistic thought beyond the results on the canvas or in the recording studio. It encourages kids to believe in themselves and not give in to the culture of instant gratification. Inspirational and entertaining with facts, humor and music.

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