

Leading Comedy and Entertainment Speakers



Gord Paynter - For over 15 years, Gord Paynter has been entertaining audiences throughout North America with his original brand of humour. Losing his eyesight in his early twenties as a result of diabetes, Gord thought his lifelong dream of becoming a comedian was gone forever. His lack of vision has not affected his perceptiveness. If anything, it's made him more perceptive, creating a unique style of comedy and motivation that never fails to leave the audiences laughing. Gord's unique ability to drop key company names and work situations into his shared stories and jokes, gives every presentation a fresh and personal feel.



Carole Bertuzzi Luciani - A dynamic speaker with a unique style, Carole keeps audiences engaged, enthused and energized. Luciani counsels people on balancing their lives, coping with difficult others and revitalizing their workplaces. She sprinkles each session with her infectious brand of humour, relying on the everyday trials and tribulations of her own life. Listeners love her, leaving her sessions with a little more spring in their steps and always smiles on their faces! Through her experience in education, recreation and health care, Carole successfully develops programs to meet the needs of each audience.



Bill Carr - Carr is a humourist and an award-winning writer, stage actor and journalist. Born in Atlantic Canada, he travels throughout North America and is famous with convention audiences for his offbeat characters and custom-tailored performances. Bill's insightful perspective on the world takes aim at politics, people, business, sport and systems, as well as the mundane absurdities of life that often go unnoticed. He leaves nothing unscathed and prides himself on being a slave to all, but mastered by none.



Glen Foster - Glen Foster has been a headliner on the Canadian comedy circuit for over fifteen years. His unique blend of clever, observational humour and his ability to entertain a wide variety of audiences have also made him a favourite at company parties, sales conferences, golf tournaments and other corporate functions. Glen's act is not just a string of one-liners, but an intricate, interwoven pattern of humorous and often thought-provoking ideas and observations. Most of all though, he's just very, very funny.



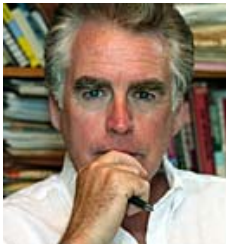
Don Harron - Don Harron has made thousands of people laugh with his alter ego characters - especially Charlie Farquharson. Charlie was first introduced to Canadians in 1952, and since then, his career has been almost as impressive as Don's. He has worked in radio and television, made a number of albums, and had 18 seasons on the long-running TV series *Hee Haw*. He is the author of several best-selling books, including *Charlie's A Broad* (it's a travel book, not a medical text) and his newest, *Anne of Green Gables: The Musical, 101 Things You Didn't Know*.



Barry Kennedy - Former fighter pilot flies again...but this time the thrill comes from making people laugh. After graduating from Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, Kennedy was an Air Force pilot in five Canadian provinces. During these stints, he had the opportunity to suss out our great land. A never-ending delight to his listeners, Kennedy keeps his audiences in stitches as he plays with life's quaint ironies, from the quirks of relationships, to family matters, to all things Canadian. An after-dinner delight!



Dan Needles - Dan Needles is the creator of the popular *Wingfield Farm* plays, full-length stage comedies that have filled theatres across Canada and the United States for more than 3,000 performances since 1984. *Wingfield's Inferno* is the sixth in the series of plays. Dan is a winner of the 2003 Stephen Leacock Medal for humour for *With Axe and Flask*, the history of his mythical *Persephone Township*. Dan has entertained crowds for the last fifteen years as a speaker across Canada for corporations, government and public service groups



William Thomas - William Thomas is a very funny speaker. A syndicated humour columnist and radio personality, William speaks on all things Canadian, current and slightly askew. He is the author of several best-selling books, including *Malcolm and Me—Life in the Litterbox*, *Hey! Is That Guy Dead or Is He the Skip?* *Curling and Other Stories I Wished I'd Never Written*, *Guys – Not Real Bright and Damn Proud of It*, *Margaret and Me*, and *The Dog Rules (Damn Near Everything!)*. His latest book is *Never Hitchhike on the Road Less Travelled*. Thomas's writing was recently included in the great Canadian Anthology of Humour along with the best 50 humour writers in Canada, from Stephen Leacock to today.



Dr. Ken Shonk - An expert in the field of physical and mental well-being, Dr. Shonk takes his audiences into a joyful, laugh-filled journey as he outlines the benefits of humour in professional and business situations. Dr. Shonk's charisma captivates audiences and opens the door for the power of his message based on..."There's a lot of medicine in fun". A veteran speaker with the skill of a stand-up comedian, he has spoken before a wide variety of groups, from universities to corporate conventions, captivating his listeners with his energy, humour and charm.



Jim Ralph - Jim Ralph is best known for his dry, self-deprecating sense of humour, and his comical impersonations of famous Canadian sportscasters, including Foster Hewitt, Danny Gallivan, Dick Irvin, Bob Cole, Brian Williams, and of course Don Cherry. A former pro hockey player, Jim spent seven years as a minor league goaltender. He currently covers the Toronto Maple Leafs as colour commentator on their radio broadcasts, where his insightful observations and entertaining anecdotes, keep fans informed and entertained.



Dennis Hull - Dennis Hull is a fourteen year veteran of the National Hockey League and brings to the speaker's podium a wealth of anecdotes and stories from his many experiences. His humorous, after-dinner speaking style is fast becoming a trademark, and he has quickly become one of the most sought after head table guests in the business. Dennis Hull will readily admit to not being anything other than Bobby Hull's brother, as long as you add that he's the *younger* brother. He's even been known to answer to someone asking for Brett Hull's uncle.