
Workshops

Jim Austin

Jim Austin, received a BA degree in Speech Communications and Drama from North Park University in Chicago, Illinois. Jim has entertained for all types of audiences for over twenty-five years. Currently he resides in Chicago with his wife, Kris.

<http://www.jimages.org>

COME to this WORKSHOP

See: Creative Tricks

Outstanding ways to Connect

Memorable moments that Entertain

Evangelize and Equip You- the Gospel Entertainer!

Just COME! No matter what you perform the "COME Workshop" will give you ideas YOU can USE right away!!!

Get Connected

Want a better performer and audience rapport? Then get connected! Want to touch the audience's emotions so they can't forget you? Then get connected! Want your audience to remember you years after your performance without splitting your pants on stage to do it? Then get connected! Get connected is all about seeing great magic, making great connections, and being a performer with purpose. Get CONNECTED with great Gospel magic, ideas and strategies that you can use right away!

Tricks, Tips and Tidbits

Tricks, tips & tidbits to tantalize your throng & transition them to transforming truth! Need we say more! Lots of great magic you can use to motivate your audiences with the gospel!

Jill Bryan (Jillybean)

Jill Bryan communicates God's truths with fun and laughter. Her message is one of abundant life offered in Jesus Christ.

Jill was raised in a Christian home but she experienced life's worst through her rebellious teen years and finally found herself broken and on her knees at 27 years of age.

She found forgiveness and rededicated her life to God and His work. For two decades, Jill has performed gospel music and illusions - becoming known and loved around the world as "Jillybean." Jillybean ministers to church groups worldwide and now is also a missionary to bikers and prisoners across America.

<http://www.jillybean.org/>

Look Who's Talking

Jillybean loves variety when it comes to entertainment. Many different characters speak for her and she loves seeing faces light up when the Alligator sings. This is ventriloquism 101.

Through The Eyes of a Child

Jillybean will help you understand how to minister to all ages. With her little girl character that brings the child out in everybody you will see how to love and understand children more using all of the arts.

Bill Fix

Pastor Bill Fix is the Senior Pastor of Taylor Free Methodist Church and has been a Magician and Ventriloquist for more than 30 years. He has trained illusion teams that have performed for the International Convention and he traveled with his family extensively doing Family revivals, banquets, Vacation Bible Schools, church services, and FCM Conventions. He has performed and lectured at many regional conventions including Oklahoma, Fort Wayne, New York, Toronto and at International FCM Conventions in Winona Lake and Marion, Indiana. His workshop "Magical Object Lessons" will be ideal for pastors wanting to use illusion in a children's sermon, Jr. Church, or to illustrate a point in a sermon.

TBA

Dottie Fix

Basic Puppets

Puppet Show Props

Ricky Henson (Tricky Ricky)

Tricky Ricky is based out of Jonesboro, Georgia. He is a popular speaker at our conference, covering magic and ventriloquism. Ricky has held crusades all over the United States and annually works with the Indians at Falls Creek Assembly in Davis, Oklahoma.

<http://www.trickyrickyhenson.com>

Gospel Magic Like You Never Seen

Some old trickys with new ideas, some of the latest trickys that on the market. and the trick that I call "That's Impossible" It's wild and ????

Have Fun as a Clown While Presenting the Gospel

Using Comedy with the Latest Tricks

Showing the latest tricks on the market that clowns can use for comedy or gospel. A class you won't forget.

Dave Hill

Performing for 30 years (not counting his 8th grade talent contest in which he won 2nd place, blowing the audience away), Dave has gone from novice clown to full-time business owner, speaker, and notorious comedy performer. Some say he's genius, others say he's just sick. Dave's motto: "If you can't have fun, you might as well stay at home."

Dave (aka The Almost Amazing Rex/Rex The Wonder Clown) has entertained audiences small & large for companies such as Lowes Home Improvement Warehouse, Lennox China, 98 Lumber, RJ Reynolds, AT&T, Wal-Mart, etc. From intimate parties to company picnics to Grand Openings & banquet shows, Dave is in demand.

A long time member of the Berkeley Civitan Clowns, Dave donates countless hours both to entertain & raise money for the mentally & developmentally disabled. He is instrumental in keeping fellow clowns abreast of the latest news in the clowning industry

<http://balloonsandclowns.com/>

Fun & Games with Balloons

Simple but exciting fun events & games with balloons. No twisting skill required. Great for VBS, Children's Events, or Birthday parties.

Object Lessons with Ease

Jesus used object lessons to teach people life lessons. This class uses simple magic tricks and everyday objects to illustrate gospel truths.

Walk Around Magic

Simple, easy, & inexpensive magic tricks you can use to entertain small groups or when you are just walking around.

John Holmes

John is an award-winning, world-renowned balloon twister from Dallas, TX. John has been doing balloons since 1984. John hopes his last breath on earth is drawn in to blow up a balloon!

5-5-5

5 Balloons or less - 5 minutes or so - 5 bucks or more, Please? Utilizing busking to support your balloon ministry.

Whole Armor of God-Advanced

Did you put your armor on today? Really? Why did you take it off last night? This class will teach you to create each and every piece of armor and supply Biblical truths for each.

Gary Luber

Gary Luber, from Oswego, IL is the Children's Church Director at Sanctuary Church in Batavia, IL. Gary and his wife Mary continue their ministry to kids, since 1984. He is Chairman of the Juggling Department for the International Conference of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians in Marion, IN. Mr. G is a member of the Christian Jugglers Association (CJA), the International Jugglers Association (IJA), the Fellowship of Christian Magicians (FCM) and the Up For Grabs Juggling Club in Aurora, IL. Mr. G has enjoyed writing articles for CJA and FCM publications in recent years. In 2003, Mr. G traveled internationally with a team to help rebuild a hurricane-destroyed church kid's camp on Abaco Island, Bahamas, and perform in local churches and schools on the island. In 2009 Gary traveled with a team to help build homes in Biloxi, Mississippi for Hurricane Katrina victims. Since 2008, Mr. G has taught students at 22 elementary schools in the Fox Valley area, in the western suburbs of Chicago.

www.mrgjuggler.com

Beginner 3 Balls and a Few Nice Tricks

Bring 3 balls. If you are a beginner, you'll walk out as a juggler. If you are a juggler, you'll walk out doing a cool new trick.

Beginner Clubs

Bring 2 balls and 1 club (or come to observe).

This class assumes you can juggle 3 balls already. See how quickly you can start juggling a club, the easy way.

Gary & Mary Luber

Open Juggling

Time for practice, fellowship and learning from other jugglers. Gary Luber will answer any questions and help you develop your growing juggling skills. Gary will also teach scarves for anyone who would like to learn to juggle scarves.

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Beginner Plate Spinning and a Few Nice Tricks

Bring a spinning plate and stick (or come to observe). You will enjoy Mary's upbeat teaching style and encouragement to succeed. "Thea the Clown" has years of performing experience.

Vicki Markey

Making your Classroom come Alive as Mrs. Claus

Randall Munson

Randall's talents as a magician, ventriloquist, and clown contribute to his ability to captivate audiences in many settings -- including MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Walt Disney World and The White House. He has made televised appearances internationally and has been featured on major network broadcasts. Randall has won 30 national and international entertainment awards, and his likeness has been displayed in the Clown Hall of Fame and the Smithsonian Institution.

<http://creativelyspeaking.com/index.html>

A Time to Laugh!

Serious Humor in Ministry One of God's most delightful gifts to us is the gift of laughter. Of all God's creations He created only one in His image and has uniquely blessed us with the sense of humor. Humor is more than just a frivolous distraction; it provides serious personal and physiological benefits to those who laugh. We need to recognize the value of laughter and take humor seriously. As we minister to His people, let's share happiness, joy and healthy belly laughs. Loosen your collar, kick off your shoes, and enjoy yourself while Randall delivers this thought-provoking, laughter-evoking presentation about the importance of the humor in ministry.

Creative Ministry!

How to increase the effectiveness of your ministry through God's gift of creativity The Gospel message never changes. However, the methods we use to communicate that message must continuously change so we can clearly share God's word to a constantly changing culture. As much as we want to come up with fresh, new ideas, we struggle to break out of our conventional thinking. Randall Munson's Creative Ministry program will change all that. You will gain a fresh approach to ministry and a renewed confidence in the creative capabilities God has given you.

Great Ideas!

Tips of the Trade: This is a circus-wagon-full of great ideas, helpful hints, and problem-prevention techniques that have been discovered through more than 30 years of professional performance experience. These class is packed full of clever secrets you won't see in books or in any other lecture. These simple, powerful ideas can make your life as a performer much better and much easier

Prize Winning Parade Acts and Walkarounds

How You Can Create Award-Winning Acts: Learn the elements of walkarounds that maximize audience impact - the things that make an audience sit up, take notice, and burst out laughing. Lots of demonstrations of creative, audience-tested, award-winning acts

Super Prop Construction

How You Can Build Every Prop You Ever Wanted: Learn how to build your own props of any size. Here is a course where you will learn how to select the best materials and how to apply tools and techniques to construct super props that are lightweight, durable and eye-catching. Construction ideas will be explained for many materials including Styrofoam, polyurethane foam, foam plastic, papier-mâché, corrugated and sheet cardboard, foam core, piano wire, PVC pipe, polyethylene plastic, and fabric

Ventriloquism for Dummies

And Those Who Have a Hand in Making Them Talk: In this class you will learn the main elements of ventriloquism. We will dispel some of the myths and share many of the insights into the art. If you are new to ventriloquism, you will discover that you really are able to do it yourself. If you are already a practicing vent (like doctors, we are all continuing our practice), you will find some new insights and tips to help improve your performances. Join in the fun and laugh as you learn to talk to yourself in a whole new way

Cathy Nicoletti

Food for Thought

How to use food in object lessons, snack themes and storytelling.

Spiritual Lessons in Everyday

Items How to use everyday items as object lessons, themes and part of storytelling.

Ida O'Dell

We are a husband and wife team that is trying to help our Lord Jesus Christ spread the gospel wherever we go. We try to go where the Lord calls us. We have held programs in small to large Churches but quite often we are serving our Lord in outdoor settings. Many campgrounds do not provide a Worship service for the campers. We often provide programs at campgrounds that do not have a Church Service of their own.

<http://www.thankfullpraise.com/>

Basic puppet movements

tricks of the trade. Little things to bring your puppet alive.

Begin a Puppet Ministry

Starting a team from the beginning. What you need, where to find it, training.

Showing the basics

Covering materials needed to start in the chalk art ministry

Ron O'Dell

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Just getting started

The basics-Blowing, twisting one balloon creatures.

Diana Payne

Simple Flower Balloons

Simple Balloon Flowers

Steve Raeburn

Revs. Steve and Janet Raeburn have been working in children/family ministry for over 15 years. They now are full time evangelists and travel all over the country with Big Blast Ministries. They use balloon sculptures, illusions, fun, and excitement to share the good news of Jesus.

www.BigBlastMinistries.com

Bible Balloon Characters

Int - Adv Bible Characters

Paul Ricksecker

Began in 1958 as Hoby Tyler, a circus type clown, as they were my mentors. Did circus, rodeos and about anywhere people wanted to laugh. Early mentor was the first Bozo the clown, before the TV Bozo. Later I got involved with magic with mentor Theo Mandrake, world known magician. Since then have been designated by the Guinness people in England as the Fastest Magician in the World, last time doing 308 effects in 1 minute and 32 seconds. Have been awarded N/W Ohio magician of the year 10 times. Handsome and humble.

Great Magic From Long Ago

Houdini's Stand Up Magic

The Balloon Line Worker

Brenda Ross

Brenda teaches sign language to music. She has been involved in music ministry, puppet ministry, storytelling and more. Joe and Brenda have been ministering for over 20 years at campgrounds, festivals, churches, senior centers, malls, fairgrounds, church camps and city streets.

www.setfreeministry.us

Face Painting in Ministry

This is an exciting new class, where Brenda, along with some of the other face painters, we be presenting some exciting new ways to incorporate face painting into your ministry. If time allows, we will have a brainstorming session to see if we can come up with MORE new ideas!

Sign Language to Music

Learn to use American Sign Language with music for a powerful presentation. You will be able to sign a simple song by the end of the workshop.

Joe Ross

Joe's alternate ego is "Jethro" the clown. While we never know what Jethro may do next, we always know laughter is involved. Joe does gospel illusions, and has been in children's ministry for over 20 years.

www.setfreeministry.us

Advanced Ropes

Cheap Tricks You Can't Live Without

Developing Your Patter

Carrie Rostollan

Carrie Rostollan became interested in magic at a young age. Growing up in northern Wisconsin, she sought to turn her own personal disadvantage into an advantage. Television presented magical artists Doug Henning and David Copperfield; thus Carrie found her hobby.

In four years of professional performance with her Proximity Illusions show, Carrie has some 80 events under her belt.

Carrie is an active member of:

- International Brotherhood of Magicians.
- 2008-2009 PRESIDENT of I.B.M. Ring 212, a.k.a. the Saginaw Mystics.
- Fellowship of Christian Magicians

Performance Plus - Writing for Magic

Having a strong trick and strong technique is not enough. A strong presentation is vital.

Alma Schoenheide

Professionally I am Lilly Picadilly the Clown. I face paint, twist, and perform simple magic and am the children's night entertainer at Texas Roadhouse in Westland. I know ASL and also teach Spanish to children aged 3 to 6 for a company named Bilingual Fun. At home, I homeschool my 4 children - not because I am a better teacher, but because I want to keep them for the Lord. I school them through an academy in Novi, where I also teach Elementary, Jr. High, and Jr. High Yr II Spanish to the students there. In Church, I have been singing and teaching children since 1987. I am currently the head of the Girl's and Nursery department department as well as the pre-school teacher for the mid-week service. My home church for 21 years was Full Gospel Temple in Westland Mi, but for the past two years I have been a member of Stewart Road Church of God in Monroe Michigan.

Clowning for Fun and Ministry

Birthday party clowning

Reaching Pre-Schoolers

Using puppets, visuals, musical instruments and much repetition to teach the pre-school child that Jesus loves and listens to them, while preparing them for older more challenging classes in their future.

Teaching Faith to Toddlers

All young children - even the toddler - must learn to recognize the name and image of Jesus - as much as he/she does the familiar faces at home. There is no reason that the name and face of Jesus should not be a very familiar sound and image to young ones, and toddlers. Just as the foundation of a house must be built well, so should the foundation of a child's soul not be neglected. With consistent teaching, a solid foundation of faith can be laid in their little hearts.

Gail Smith

M&M's (Messages in Minutes)

Using a wide variety of object lessons to convey Biblical truths. How to incorporate using the 5 senses, (touch, taste, sound, sight, smell) to reach everyone's learning style. Easy to adapt to your ministry! Class participation a must!

Presenting Parables with Passion

Taking a look at the Parables Jesus taught to describe the Kingdom of God using a hands on way approach. Simple ideas you can use and adapt to your ministry. Class participation a must!

Scott Smith

"Thin Air Creations" is the creative genius of Scott Smith, Jr. of Taylor, MI. He was stricken with a birth defect affecting his left leg and walks & stands with a cane. During middle school, while his classmates were signing up for athletics, he signed up for a balloon sculpture class and showed a natural ability & talent. He worked his first company performance during 8th grade and realized the business potential of his new hobby.

Nearly a decade into his career, Scott Smith Jr. is still perfecting his craft. He turned his balloon hobby into a great business and then God turned his hobby into ministry opportunities. He is a member of Michigan Twisters Group and The Fellowship of Christian Magicians Inc.. He spends hours learning new techniques with his professional peers. He is constantly pushing his creativity to new levels!

Gospel Balloon Messages-Intermediate

Several different ways to present the Gospel/Bible Stories using balloons.

Cody Thomas

Cody runs the Balloon department at his mothers' business 'Kim's Fun Faces'. Now being almost 20 years old Cody has been twisting for more than 3 years advancing quickly through skill levels. His unrelenting fascination with more advanced balloon art keeps him motivated and eager to learn. He has attended countless classes and is always willing to share what he learned with anyone as eager to learn as he is. Cody is a perfectionist which makes him very picky on the quality of his balloon sculptures

Basic Balloon Weaving I

learn how to do a flat weave and ideas on how to use it.

Basic Balloon Weaving II

a more complicated weave opens the door to larger creations.

Kim Thomas

Decorative painter and Tole Art Instructor for several years, Kim's Love for face painting has taken over. She started Kim's Fun Faces, a successful Entertainment business offering fantasy face painting, Airbrush Tattoos and Balloon Sculptures. Serving mid-Michigan for 5 years and still going strong. Kim has taken classes and worked with many of the top face and body painters in the field, and has attended 2007, 2008,2009 Face and Body Art Convention in Orlando Florida where she won second place in the face painting category 2009. Also placed in face painting competition at the Bodyssey Convention in Toronto in 2009. She is always looking for opportunities to share, learn and work with others with the same interest.

Get inspired- tired of doing the same princess or spider man face?

Get tips and ideas using props, client's shirt, hats, and magazines, for face painting inspirations

www.kimsfunfaces.com

Flower power

Learn a variety of easy fast flowers. From a simple flower painted on the shoulder to a colorful arrangement on the face, you will discover how to make a beautiful face painted flower garden grow.

Glitter tattoos

Great for pool parties, teen and adult events, festivals and fairs and outdoor events in the hot summer months. Glitter tattoos are a great addition to your face painting business.

Mark Tripp

For over 40 years, Mark Tripp has been a professional and award winning entertainer. Mark has been an Actor, Author, Singer, Magician, Mentalist, Escape Artist, Comedian, Director, Producer, and Science Teacher! He performed two world tours for the US Army Special Services Branch; was the Burger King for Mark Wilson, worked with Don Herbert on his "Mr. Wizard" show, and much more. Currently Mark is working on both science and magic projects for Gospel Performers. He is a regular on the FCM's Podcast, and part of "Oz and Wilde's" "FX4 Christ" Ministry. His lectures and performances have been a great success at the Midwest FCM Conference as well as the International FCM convention. Mark will be sharing both science and magic tricks and stunts with us as well as his "Bloom where you are planted, remembering Karrell Fox" lecture.

<http://www.sciencemagician.com/>

College Class

Sermons with Science

Elsworth & Michelle West

Just Round

Joe White

TBA-Balloons

Anna Wilinski

www.jestparty.com

2 Minute Masks

Create impact quickly with minimal brush strokes and strong bursts of color! Way easier designs than cheekart, with a lot more pizzazz!

College Course

Get up and paint. During this course you will practice painting techniques while I assist you. Bring a list of designs or techniques you need help with and I will use what I have learned from experience to improve your painting skills. Please bring your kit, or you can purchase a starter kits for \$12. There will be some materials to use during the class if you need them.

Hands on Sponging and Brush Stroke Class

Practice and improve your techniques so you can have smooth sponged bases and flowing clean brushwork. Bring what you have, materials will be provided to those who need it.

Rainbow Cakes and Pots

Cheek art goes wild with the help of rainbow pots and cakes in your kit. Learn how to use them to maximize you time and designs.

Tropical Paradise

Face painting with sunsets, dolphins, hibiscuses palm trees and other tropical themes!

Donna Wilinski

Since 1989, Donna Wilinski, "MT Pockets the Clown" has been a Christian hometown clown from Kalamazoo, MI. She Was a founder of Circle of Smiles, a school- based clown Ministry for 5 years. A registered nurse, she has spent many hours applying her clowning skills in a thoughtful, spiritual and therapeutic way in various health care settings. Armed with a canjo, coins, silks and silly props, as well as balloons and face paints, she loves hometown clowning at parades, Parties and corporate events. For the last 5 years, she has lead the COAI based Alley 44 clown care unit based in Southwest Michigan. This group entertains monthly at various senior residences and nursing homes in the Kalamazoo area. 5 years ago, She founded and still directs a nine week "Be a Real Clown" course taught through Kalamazoo Community Ed. that graduates 6-10 First of May Clowns each year. She has presented classes in music, make-up and health care clowning for her Alley, the FCM and at the Clowning with Care Convention in Woodstock Ontario.

Entertaining Elders

Senior residence performing, and Care visits

Magic Bob Zoerman

As a Christian Magician and Escape artist, Magic Bob's primary goal is to present the Gospel in a light, non-threatening manner, using illusion to clearly illustrate Christian truths and the reality of Jesus Christ.

<http://www.magicbob.org/>

Escape Magic

Gospel Close up Magic

Magic Bob & SuZie Zoerman

Packs Small Plays Big

taking your show on the road for a mission trip

Using Chalk & Magic Simutaeously

SuZie Zoerman

As an accomplished performance chalk artist, frequently performing solo at Mother-Daughter banquets, women's groups, Christian schools, etc., SuZie adds a devotional highlight to enhance an entertaining program of Magic Bob's Christian illusions

<http://www.magicbob.org/>

Chalking on Sheets