

SUSAN GUZZETTA

PROFESSIONAL SPEAKERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS



MARIAN KELLY

"ONE OF THE FRESHEST AND MOST ORIGINAL HUMORISTS"

Marian Kelly was "born in a merry hour." When Marian's father learned he finally had a daughter, he fed ice cream and cake to his seven sons until they all had stomach-aches. Years later, this story inspired one of the boys to remark, "See, you've been making me sick since the day you were born."

Growing up the eighth child of ten, Marian needed a sense of humor just to survive. Thus was planted the seed that grew into one of the freshest and most original humorists of her generation. A woman with eight brothers knows that "the same guy who won't eat off a fork that's been dropped on the floor in a restaurant, in his own home, will take a sandwich in the bathroom with him."

Marian may be the only female speaker working today who has 14 years' experience touring full-time as a professional comedian. She has performed in 34 states including Alaska and Hawaii, for every kind of audience, from nightclubs to universities to corporate events. It's hard to throw a curve to a speaker who has been heckled in every conceivable setting. "I once had a drunk yell out, 'You're the fattest woman I've ever seen.' I said, 'Then you've led a sheltered life.'"

Marian makes no apologies for her size, and refuses to make jokes at her own expense. The fashion industry, however, is fair game - "You can't find great-looking underwear in my size. I go looking for Frederick's of Hollywood, I bring home Heidi of the Alps. Can't wear it right away - gotta cut the sleeves off first."

Marian has gained a reputation for clean, clever wit and relatable style. A comment she often hears is, "That same thing happened to me - but you made it funny!"

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TOPICS

WORRY WARTS CAN BE CURED!

Is stress making you sick? After years of taking multiple prescription medications for stress-related illnesses, Marian Kelly learned that, when your doctor can't make you well, your only choice is to cure yourself. In a four-month period, Marian went from taking four acid-reflux drugs to none at all, solely by studying stress and modifying her lifestyle. Marian's hilarious insights into worry and its effect on the human body will leave your audience holding their sides—and give them plenty to think about. This program is her most requested.

WHAT'S YOUR HQ? MARIAN KELLY'S HUMOR TEST

Marian has been a student of humor all her life, and offers this tongue-in-cheek demonstration that while humor is completely subjective, it can still be measured. Are you a purveyor of puns? Enraptured by riddles? You'll learn what this says about your personality! An uproarious answer to the question, "Is this funny?"

FINDING YOUR INNER SHECKY (STAND-UP COMEDY WORKSHOP)

What does it feel like to tell jokes in front of an audience? Here is an unequalled chance for your group to find out. Marian is not only a seasoned performer, but a gifted teacher. If you don't think you're funny, she'll show you how to use humor to break the ice. If you're already the life of the party, she'll help you to bring out your unique comedy voice. Afraid of public speaking? You and Marian will stare down your demons together—in a supportive and nurturing environment. A riotous good time, and you're bound to learn something about yourself.

TOTAL TEAMWORK

- Fun, interactive team simulation activity reveals the roles that team members play
- Team Assessment: Find out how well your team is doing
- Learn tools for improved team communication
- How to use the strengths and weaknesses of team members to reach the team's goal
- The most important ingredients in resolving team conflict

MOVING BEYOND STEREOTYPES

- Find out why stereotypes exist and how they affect our relationships at work and in the community
- Experience a fun and non-threatening group simulation activity that will give you the opportunity to experience stereotyping and its effects first hand
- Gain new insights dealing with "differences" that you can apply in the real-world immediately
- Develop action steps that will allow your team to appreciate diversity and work together better

OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE:

- "Effective Supervision Skills"
- "Effective Presentation Skills"
- "Networking for Career Success"
- "Customer Communication"

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CLIENT LIST

TELEVISION APPEARANCES

The Tonight Show With Jay Leno
A & E's An Evening at the Improv
Lifetime Television's Girls' Night Out
Star Search
A & E's Comedy on the Road
MTV's Half-Hour Comedy Hour
Sweet Valley High
NBC's Life in the Fat Lane
Employment Development Department

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TESTIMONIALS

"Everyone said they laughed 'til their sides hurt - and even though we did not plan to cause them pain from laughing, it beats pain from hurting!"

Roberta Masek
Manager
Anaheim Job Service

"The feedback I have received rated you as the best part of the conference."

Jennifer Myers
San Diego South Metro Career Center

"The audience held top executives as well as support staff, from a wide range of backgrounds. I did not hear ONE negative comment about your presentation."

Donna Roycraft
Hookup of Joplin

"It was truly amazing how you could get that mix of people to laugh at the same thing without anybody feeling slighted or taking offense."

Duke Tufty
Unity Temple on the Plaza, Kansas City

"When you have that type of universal appeal, entertaining everyone from the church deacon to the guy in the Motley Crue T-shirt, you've accomplished something."

Danny Thomas
KOAM-TV, Joplin

"I still hear rave reviews about your performance."

Bridget Koan
YWCA of Topeka, Kansas