



Uplifting Keynotes, Playshops, and More

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Nels Ross is Chief Executive Oddball of In Jest, Inc.. An engaging keynote speaker and performer, he applies *humor* and *play* to help people be more joyful, healthy, and productive. Used properly, humor and play can enhance:

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| wellness | creativity | communication |
| resilience | leadership | relationships |
| morale | learning | team building |
| motivation | productivity | ...and more |

Presenting solo and with others, Nels shares keynotes, playshops, and seminars that are uplifting and highly interactive. Imagine everyone in your company, organization, or group laughing and relieving stress – *and even learning how to juggle* – as they gain know-how and tools for getting better "smileage" out of work and life!

Nels has won rave reviews from corporations, non-profits, healthcare providers, educators, and others for his presentations including:

- Building Net Mirth: The Power of Humor & Play**
- Defying Gravity: Working & Living Full Out**
- The Laughter-Learning Connection** (see arts-in-education)
- Leadership: It's What You Do Do** (see arts-in-education)
- Juggling Lessons for Life**

Help people in your company, organization, or group lighten up and live more. Contact Nels today for more info.

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Michigan Society of Professional Engineers



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Assoc. California School Administrators

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NCERT

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Cognigen Corporation

"good medicine!"

Roswell Park Cancer Institute

- engaging speaker and performer
- entertaining and effective programs
- uplifting keynotes and playshops

Clients

Here are some of the many clients Nels has wowed with his entertainment and/or keynotes...



Testimonials

"**FANTASTIC PRESENTATION!** It was a really good experience for this group because they are very stressed... You had everybody up and involved... **Marvelous!**"

Robert Martinez, Director of Human Resources
Association of California School Administrators

"Thank you again for presenting at our event last week. People are still talking about it, practicing their juggling, and saying that it was the **BEST KICK-OFF EVER!**"

Laryn Bishop
Solano County Office of Education, Fairfield, CA

"I laughed until I cried. Seriously. Nels put people at ease and shared some very **VALUABLE IDEAS AND TOOLS...** We truly appreciated his perspective and enthusiasm, and the unique knowledge he shared with us."

Susan Kirk
SofTrek Corporation

"Thank you for speaking at our conference in St. Petersburg. I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation on building net mirth, and the discussions and **STANDING OVATION** proved that it was very well received..."

Anita Johnson, Executive Director
National Center for Education Research & Technology

"From the standing ovation you received, it's clear that the evening entertainment was a sensation. And everyone rated the humor seminar as Excellent. For many attendees, you were the **HIGHLIGHT OF THE CONFERENCE!**"

Conference Committee
Michigan Society of Professional Engineers

"A dynamic, entertaining presentation that involved our entire staff in team building! We learned **WAYS TO INTEGRATE HUMOR INTO THE WORKPLACE** and classroom and the importance of laughter to a better life!"

Melisa Niver
Orleans/Niagara BOCES

"Thank you for contributing to the success of our high school student leadership retreat... We are grateful for your commitment to your work, and we are **IN AWE OF YOUR TALENT!**"

Charmy Perry
Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES

"Sometimes we focus too much of our attention on technical staff development and forget the human side of the workplace. Your presentation was **GREAT FOR TEAM BUILDING AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATION.**"

Linda O'Donnell, Wellness Coordinator
Buffalo State College

"I've never received such positive feedback on a seminar! It was **FUN AND VERY INSPIRING.** Nels knows how to inspire employees to enjoy work and life."

Kathie Mann, Human Resources
Cognigen Corporation

"Awesome job with the keynote for our Career Day. It was both entertaining and effective. Faculty and students loved it! Nothing but positive comments. **YOU ROCK!!!**"

Kathy Hoyt
North Rose-Wolcott High School

"Our retreat was designed to **HELP EMPLOYEES DEAL WITH STRESS AND CHANGE.** Your presentation fit perfectly. The audience walked away with a smile and concrete examples of how to use humor effectively."

Mike Sullivan
Chautauqua Institution

"You were **TRULY A JOY.** Here are just a few of the comments from evaluations: Fabulous!... Very innovative and made my week/month/year better... Nels was **FANTASTIC!**... I needed to de-stress. Thank you!! Thank you!!... Bring him back again!..."

Linda Guy, RN
WNY Developmental Disabilities Services Office

"Excellent! Our staff and volunteers were equipped with ideas and resources for improving the experience of patients and others. And they experienced first hand that laughter really is **GOOD MEDICINE!**"

Karen Synor
Roswell Park Cancer Institute

"Your presentation was well received and very much needed during a difficult time of organizational change. **PEOPLE ARE STILL TALKING** about the fun we had with feathers, plungers, and oxygen masks! I'm sure keeping a humor perspective will help us to better serve our clients."

Kim Morrish
Heritage Centers

"The program was both **ENTERTAINING AND INFORMATIVE.** What a wonderful way to illustrate the importance of laughter in our lives! We still wear the clown noses now and then to ease the tension."

Martha Troutner
Penncrest School District

"I am more alive now than I was before this workshop."
"Great ideas for relieving stress in the workplace."

"MY CHEEKS STILL HURT!"
Branch Managers
Charter One Bank

More Clients

3M Company	Daemen College	Oswego Harborfest
Akzo Nobel	Dresser-Rand	Peek 'n Peak Resort
Albright-Knox Art Gallery	Enidine	Philips Healthcare
Alcan	Fisher Price	Praxair
Allegheny College	Fredonia Opera House	Rich Products
American Heart Association	Genesee Community College	Rochester Institute of Technology
American Military Engineers	Gold Wing Road Riders Association	Roswell Park Cancer Institute
ArcelorMittal	Gorbel	Ryerson Tull
Artpark	H&R Block	Seneca Meadows
Benderson Development	Harley-Davidson	Shakespeare in Delaware Park
Bermuda Magic	Heckett MultiServ	Shea's Performing Arts Center
BorgWarner	HSBC Bank	Society of Professional Engineers
Buffalo Bisons	Independent Health	Strong National Museum of Play
Buffalo Sabres	Ingram Micro	Subway
Buffalo State College	IPLogic	Texas Association of Magicians
Calspan	Lewiston Jazz Festival	Uniland Development
Canadian Association of Magicians	Lifetime Care	United States Air Force
Canisius College	Lockheed Martin	University at Buffalo
Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership	M&T Bank	Via Rail Canada
Charter One Bank	Magic 'n Miracles Canada Tour	Watson Bowman Acme Corp.
Chautauqua Institution	Mental Health Association	
Choice One Communications	Moog	...Plus Many More Associations,
Cognigen	Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute	Colleges, Conferences,
Columbus Magi-Fest	National Hockey League	Conventions, Corporations,
Cornell University	Niagara County Community College	Festivals, Ministries,
Corning Inc.	Niagara Power Project	Resorts, Schools,
Corning Museum of Glass	Niagara University	Theatres, Variety Shows,
Creative Problem Solving Institute	Operation Serve Mexico	Yada Yada Yada,
	Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics	Who Reads This Stuff Anyway?