

## Doug Nunn--Coach

Presentation Skills,  
Teambuilding  
Improvisational Theatre Coach

As business, union and organizational professionals advance in their careers, the importance of engaging the public becomes increasingly more paramount. Tapping the skills of someone who has spent a lifetime engaging audiences both as a successful entertainer and as a teacher can be a shortcut to success. Doug Nunn can provide you with such skills as he has been performing and coaching improvisational theatre since 1987, having worked across Europe and the western USA with businesses, schools, and theatre groups. He presents a variety of workshops designed to help clients become better speakers and presenters, businesses work better as teams, and theatres and schools develop stronger and more harmonious theater ensembles.

Doug Nunn has worked with businessmen, computer programmers, union reps, actors, and difficult students. He has a lifetime of experience working across cultural divides—having served as Artistic Director of Theatresports UK in Britain, improv coach in Holland, and in Germany and Switzerland, where he works with theatre and school groups in their native tongue. Doug has also worked as a Drama teacher throughout Northern California with a variety of theatre and school groups. He has taught high school History, English, and German to students across the spectrum—from Advanced Placement students, to at risk kids, to emotionally disturbed children. His book *Show Ab—Workbook for Improv Theater and Skit Writing with Teens* is a theatrical mainstay in German speaking countries and is available as an ebook in English.

### Workshop Offerings

Doug brings his years of coaching and teaching experience into the corporate, union and organizational arena with a variety of workshop offerings. Combining plentiful experience as a theatre and improv coach with many years as a History, Civics, and Literature teacher, Nunn's workshops combine a pragmatic goal orientation and real world awareness with fun and

games. All workshops are offered for groups, smaller class sizes, or as one-on-one consultations and can be worked into a busy schedule. The aim is to bring improvisation and teamwork exercises to bear in dealing with business challenges and to help your group achieve its goals, in a time frame that works for you.

## **Presentation Skills Workshops**

### **Coaching speakers to make better presentations**

Whether in group seminars or in one-on-one sessions, Doug Nunn will work to help you make more successful presentations. As a performer with years of experience in front of a variety of crowds, Nunn has learned tools to help you succeed as a speaker. He will facilitate the writing of more cogent and well-structured speeches, improve your vocal presentation, relax your body, and help you gain confidence on your feet in front of a crowd. As a history teacher, Doug also brings a lifetime of the study of rhetoric, politics and the great speakers of history to his lessons. With a vast library of written speeches from Pericles to Sojourner Truth and Lincoln and video tapes of the likes of Churchill, MLK and JFK, Nunn offers lucid and concrete examples of great speakers. The ultimate goal is to help you give a high-impact and persuasive presentation of your ideas.

## **Basic Speaking and Presenting**

(1 to 2 Days)

This introductory workshop aims to help students write and then successfully deliver a speech or presentation. Students may bring speeches they are working on or start from scratch in this course. The curriculum is designed to help tighten up the rhetorical structure of your speech, learn relaxation techniques before you go on stage, deliver your presentation with authenticity and passion, and come to a compelling conclusion. There will be an introduction to the great speeches going back to Ancient Greece and Rome, and continuing through Lincoln, FDR, Sojourner Truth, and Martin Luther King. This class is meant to help students achieve their aims and maximize their impact on an audience.

## One on One Presentation Coaching (1/2 day to 1 day to?)

One can achieve much in a one on one session before a major presentation. This workshop/tutorial can help you craft a speech from scratch or assist your final presentation. Concentrating on the practical realities of the assignment, the venue, and your purpose as a speaker, the aim will be to help you reach your goals. Working to find your voice, tighten your structure, hone your vocal skills, and walk on stage relaxed, the ultimate objective is to help you deliver the best possible presentation. This workshop/coaching session can be planned to fit in with a busy person's schedule.

## Teambuilding Workshops

### Better Teams in the Workplace

(1/2 to 2 Days)

There are times when a group or business needs someone to show up as facilitator, cheerleader, or just plain good-natured team coach! Using a variety of tricks from his years as a theater and improv coach, Nunn will help your group work together with greater facility. Improv theatre is excellent training for business professionals, providing a treasure chest of fun-filled, but goal-oriented exercises aimed at increasing trust, group cohesion and effective communication. Over the course of a workshop filled with ideas about workplace roles, the interactions of boss and employee, character status, and employee hierarchies, participants play a variety of insightful, fun, and enlightening games. The aim is to work to attain your goals and fulfill the needs of your organization. Along the way groups gain trust, attain new understanding of their role at the workplace, have laughs and go away feeling recharged and energized.

### Happy Theater Ensembles

(1/2 to 2 Days)

Sometimes theatre groups can experience the same lack of team play that can afflict a business or organization. This workshop uses many of the same games and exercises that would be used in a business environment, but also delves more deeply into scene work and ensemble play. The goal is both to help your group become better team players, and to pinpoint possible impediments that may be standing in the way of greater ensemble work.

Along the way, a variety of fun-filled and sometimes silly games will be played, overcoming the most intransigent individualists with enthusiasm and the joy of group camaraderie.

## Improv Comedy/Comedy Workshops

Nunn offers a variety of courses for theatre groups and schools, intended both to provide the basics of improvisational theatre and to help groups dig deeper into a creative topics like storytelling and genre. There are also workshops designed to help ensembles write and present their own comedy revue.

### Improv Comedy Basic Workshop

(2 days to a Week)\*

In this workshop we will explore the basics of improvised theatre—spontaneity, teamwork, storytelling, character, emotions and status work, and build toward presenting a workshop performance or perhaps even a show! Each day a variety of warm-ups, exercises and improvised games will be presented, games which are the basis of every improv group from *Second City* to *Whose Line is It Anyway?* This workshop can be structured for a group that wants to learn how to do an improvised show, for a theatre ensemble that wants to add improvisation to its list of talents, or for a group just looking for new inspiration. (\*This workshop can also be given over a series of weeks rather than consecutive days.)

### Storytelling and Narrative Workshop—

1-3 day Workshop

At the root of entertainment is the story, and it is the basis of theatre, movies and literature. Storytelling is an innate and beloved human skill, which is explored in detail over the course of this 2-3 day workshop. We will work with exercises, games, and build scenes meant to develop your inherent abilities as storytellers. We will work from individual stories to group stories to longer stories in a variety of genres.

## Genre Intensive Workshop

(1-3 day Workshop)

For those groups who have the basics down, yet yearn to build more nuance into their work, this 1-3 day workshop on genres may be just what the Director ordered. Starting with story basics, we then work toward understanding the archetypes of various genres and then expand into more nuanced work on everything from Sci Fi to Westerns to Soap Operas to Action Films. This workshop aims to demystify genres and make them more accessible.

## The Comedy Revue Workshop—

Basic Workshop—5 days/Advanced 2 Weeks

A comedy revue is built upon the creative ideas of the workshop participants in this workshop, designed for theatre groups or businesses that want to put on an original revue. Whether you want to skewer the national political scene or just the knuckleheads around the office, Nunn offers performing and writing workshops aimed at helping you produce a satirical series of funny scenes and parodies, which can enliven any thing from an office Christmas party to your next theatrical production. The goal of this workshop is to help your group develop material for an original revue.