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DRUM ECHOES



WAKING UP TO THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

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Research shows that focused kinesthetic activities can help ease stress, re-discover one's rhythmic balance, and contribute to an overall sense of satisfaction and well-being. Through the power of drumming, Drum Echoes guides participants down the path to uncovering this 'rhythm of life' and exploring their own unique abilities.

Offering custom events for audiences of all ages and abilities, Drum Echoes has worked with corporations, schools, and organizations nationally and internationally to share the cleansing benefits of drumming and inspire participants to reach their full potential.

Contact Matt to discover how a Drum Echoes event can benefit your group or organization.



"My students with disabilities have more hope that they can achieve... Seeing Matt's performance was empowering for them."

"THANK YOU FOR THE AWESOME, UNIQUE EXPERIENCE AT YOUR DRUM CIRCLE. IT FELT SO INCREDIBLE, I WANT TO USE WORDS LIKE 'SPIRITUAL' OR 'LIBERATING' OR 'BOUNDARY BREAKING'..."

"His drum circle sessions get everyone involved, and his message comes directly from the heart— it is multisensory and extremely memorable!"

"MY STUDENTS AND I ENJOYED MATT'S PERFORMANCE SO MUCH! HE IS TRULY AN INSPIRATION."

"Matt's presentation gave less challenged students a better understanding of what some of their peers contend with. It opened up some very interesting discussions."



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Drum Echoes' Drumming Events

WHY DRUM ECHOES?

» All ages and abilities can participate; no musical experience is necessary.

» Percussion instruments are provided, introduced, and explored to encourage audience participation and enjoyment.

» Participants learn to tap into their own unique rhythms and abilities, and apply that power to their everyday lives.

» Matt provides a personal, intimate look into living with a disability and the importance of understanding and acceptance.

DRUM CIRCLE

A no-pressure, collaborative gathering, drum circles build community through rhythm and energy. Participants learn about a variety of percussion instruments and how to play each one through simple rhythms. Each unique rhythm is then played together under Matt's direction, encouraging participants to interact cooperatively while discovering their inner musician.

PERFORMANCE

Participants will learn, share, improve and show off their new-found (or newly strengthened) drumming and performance skills after a series of rehearsals. Performers also learn stage skills and the strong ethic of cooperation with their fellow performers to help each other put together an awesome performance in front of an audience.

Performance in an Hour!

The "Performance in an Hour!" option includes a workshop for 10-30 people that, within an hour, creates a cohesive performance ready to show.

Keynote/Conference Presentation or Awareness Workshop

Tailored to your group's needs and objectives, this workshop discusses the importance of understanding and accepting differences in abilities. Matt shares his challenging yet inspiring journey and life lessons he learned while growing up with Tourette syndrome, complementing his talk with a drum solo, an audience-participation drumming session and question/answer session.

CORPORATE TEAM-BUILDING

If you are looking for a unique, fun, and offyour-seats team-building program, then a Drum Echoes workshop is for you. Positive, enthusiastic and hands-on, these workshops will electrify and inspire a team of employees to work in a more positive, productive, and healthy workplace environment by strengthening communication skills, cooperation, problem solving, organization, tolerance of diversity and the drive to bring the company to a higher level of success.

Drum Echoes' drumming events are intended for entertainment and enjoyment purposes only. We do not claim to prevent, treat or cure any condition, illness or disease. Seek advice from your medical professional if you are unsure about your ability to participate.

MATT

Matt Giordano, Drum Echoes President

Matt's percussion studies began at age two and include eight years studying under the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra's lead percussionist. Since then, Matt has won recognition for his skills through competitions and awards and established Drum Echoes, Inc. to share his passion for percussion. Diagnosed with Tourette syndrome at a young age, Matt has a unique understanding of people with various abilities. Through his two passions working with people and drumming—he demonstrates that success and fulfillment can be achieved by everyone.

Matt's inspirational message of perseverance, determination and success has touched national and international groups of all ages. He and Drum Echoes have been featured in "75 Watts" (2011 Palm Spring International Film Fest winner for best documentary short and 2012 Genie Awards nominee), PBS "Nova" series "Musical Minds", BBC's "Imagine" television program, an ABC Primetime Emmy award-winning documentary, the *New York Times* as "an exceptional performer" and Dr. Oliver Sacks' Musicophilia. Matt is also co-author of the book A Family's Quest for Rhythm: Living with Tourette, ADD, OCD and Challenging Behaviors.

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