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Re: Upward Awards Performance, Sword swallower Dan Meyer

Dear Jay,

I am on staff as Director of Children's Ministries at College Park Church in Huntington, IN. One of my responsibilities with our Upward Sports Ministries is to secure the Upward Awards speaker each year. As you could tell from our phone conversation, I am thrilled about this year's Upward Award Celebration. Dan Meyer, professional sword-swallower, was our Upward speaker/entertainer this year. *"He gave the BEST gospel presentation I have ever heard!"* is what adults (and our pastor) have been saying about his show, and that is certainly my personal opinion. Dan won over 900 fans that day, and we have already asked him to return next year!

Dan is the "real deal". I knew very little about him when I contacted him (other than he was a finalist on America's Got Talent and that he was within driving distance of our league). It's probably a good thing, because had I known about all of his awards and recognitions and all the prestigious venues he had performed in, I would have been too intimidated to even inquire about him. And we would have missed an amazing blessing.

Dan is easy to work with...he made it easy for sound and light technicians and others who handled pre- and post-show details. Regardless of all his personal accomplishments and experiences, Dan is humble and kind and thoughtful. The fruits of the Spirit are evident in his loving attitude and actions toward others – both on and off stage.

Dan's performance was second to none. Dan's music background, his kind humor, his enthusiasm, his teaching techniques, his unbelievable skills -- all of these kept the children AND adults riveted to the performance. Just when the audience believed there was nothing more challenging that he could do, he would top his last feat to thrill and amaze us all over again! Dan is an outstanding entertainer... kind, loving, exciting, polished, interactive, a master of timing... and he has developed a skill that is rarely seen performed anywhere in the world.

From beginning to end, Dan skillfully wove the theme of "from doubt to belief" into his program. It was so subtle, one barely knew it was there until the swords were laid to rest and he sat down to "talk" with us. At that point, he used everything we had just seen to help us -- the audience -- understand God's passion to enter our lives and to give us salvation and hope. His humble, winsome ways, broke down some very hard walls. (I know this for a fact because of unchurched neighbors who attended who were impacted by his program. Dan did not preach *AT* them, he won their trust and just shared God's wonderful news. An alcoholic neighbor sat in my living room today and said how much he liked it when Dan sat down and just *"talked to us about God and stuff"*).

Dan risked his life over and over again on the stage in order to present a believable, understandable picture of the gospel.

At least 30 people prayed to accept Jesus as Savior as Dan led the group in the "Sword Swallower's Prayer". (The impact of the prayer was so powerful that I showed the video clip of it at our next Wednesday night children's outreach).

I would highly recommend anyone anywhere to be sure to get Dan Meyer to their area to present his swords and God's Sword of the Spirit. Entertainment for entertainment's sake is a fun diversion, but this man is entertaining with eternity's values in view!

If you have any further questions about his show, please call me at (260) 358-7042.

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