

David Gonzalez

Public Speaker/Entertainer/Storyteller at RainArt Productions

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52 people have recommended David

"David is one of the nation's most talented, creative, powerful creators of youth theater in the world. Young or old his work mesmerizes audiences world wide. When you watch him perform or listen to his works of art you are transported to another place. Behind the scenes his organizational logistics, visionary leadership builds teams and a collaborative environment that produces high quality experiences for all. "

— **Pegine Echevarria, MSW, CSP**, *Leadership Experiential Scenarios w/ Role Players # Team Building Events # Event Management, Team Pegine Inc.*, was with another company when working with David at RainArt Productions

"David was the artistic director for the Alliance for the New Humanity Human Forum in Costa Rica; he did a superb job of assembling great talent, developing a superb set of performances that helped link the entire conference together, and is a first-rate performer. More than that, working with him brought a huge element of inspiration and creativity to the entire design and execution of the conference"

— **Daniel Stone**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David is a creative artist, a good collaborator and a personable partner. I would be pleased to work with him again."

— **Ken Schumacher**, was David's client

"David Gonzalez is a brilliant performer and educator.. He is a guiding force much needed in our continuing struggle to promote education of creative arts..."

— **Ellen Christi**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David is a man filled with creative energy and the ability to communicate his voice through the art of storytelling, often through collaborative means. He sparks the imagination in every participant drawing pictures with his words and music with the rythmn of his speech. He is a magnificent performer and artist. Joyce Bonomini; Director of the Hoffman Institute at Ruth Eckerd Hall"

— **Joyce Bonomini**, was David's client

"David is a professional creative performing artist with many exceptional skills and talent. A pleasure to work with always."

— **Richard Quinn**, was with another company when working with David at RainArt Productions

"David, is a wonderful storyteller, and a true artist. Refreshing what he brings to the work!"

— **Treehouse Shakers**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David's experience in the performing and visual arts has given his presentations a dynamic and captivating quality."

— **Judith Ramos**, was David's client

"David is one of the most vibrant and imaginative artist/healers I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. His passion for his work is infectious. Layered with personal experience, timeless archetypes and cultural spice, his art can be enjoyed on so many levels and in so many settings that I cannot imagine a project I wouldn't recommend him for. He is personable, humble, kind and inspiring. You feel from the beginning that you are among friends, and that the experience will be nothing less than transformative."

— **Andrew Gurevich** , worked with David at RainArt Productions

"David is a highly creative, detail oriented producer and entertainer. His sensitivity and innovative perception brings magic in every planned step. He always over achieve and his humility as creator and performer impresses every time. He can manage multiple personalities and brings alone his charisma to manage with excellence all details. I recommend David's creative and sublime performances and productions to impact from school kids to elder people. He is truly amazing genius!"

— **Mabel Lassalle**, was David's client

"David is deeply connected to his work and engages directly with artists and audience in workshops masterfully. Working or talking with him makes everyone feel a part of something much greater. He id an especially good job of connecting to and pulling joy out of our staff on campus. Plus, he was great to work with behind the scenes."

— **Tanya Gertz**, was David's client

"What strikes me most about David has always been the energy he brings to the table no matter what the task. That same energy that can make school children follow his stories attentively makes people want to work with him on any project anywhere. No matter a show in the early morning or a 12 hour rehearsal, he is willing to put 110% in and elevates everyone in the group including all staff in the discussion of how to do things. It

has always been a pleasure, & an honor to be on the journey with David, I hope we get to work together soon.
Alex"

— **Alexander C. Senchak**, reported to David at RainArt Productions

"David is a wildly creative man with a big heart and big Genius!"

— **Janis Wilkins**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David's shows are warm, funny, touching, complex yet simply staged, perfect not only for young people but for all ages. Easy for younger kids to latch right onto, but sophisticated enough to make an adult (me) come back a second time. As for that challenging group in between (adolescents!) he holds them absolutely rapt. He is also great to work with offstage, willing to go that extra mile for a colleague, etc. All in all, a terrific guy to work with and to watch and listen to onstage."

— **David Pratt**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"David is a compelling performer with deeply meaningful material. Though we worked together with almost no rehearsal (David, Molly Mason and I) we were able to deliver effective performance by virtue of unspoken communication and being open to one another's ideas."

— **Jay Ungar**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David brought awoke all my senses with his talent which he gives to his audience mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally. I'm eager for his future works and eager to experience his incredible talent again. Thank you David, Greg Wray"

— **Greg Wray**, worked indirectly for David at RainArt Productions

"David is a deeply passionate and yet very discipline creative artist. He works in an interdisciplinary realm dealing with multi-media performance arts to both inspire inform and entertain. I have known David to be an excellent writer, manager, and performer who is expert in a variety of different realms and settings. Above all I see him as a consummate communicator able to touch people hearts and minds with his craft."

— **Fred Tutman**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David Gonzalez is a master storyteller and performer. His abundant talent both delights and touches the deepest places in the heart."

— **John Rosario-Perez**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"I've known David for 20 years and I worked closely with him for 10. What David does is unique, and I use that word precisely. No one else does exactly what he does. He uses his body, his voice, his mind, and his

heart to create wonderful performances for kids and adults. He can write, teach, perform, and inspire and if you have the opportunity to work with him, don't let it pass you by!"

— **Lou Giansante**, managed David at RainArt Productions

"David is a multi-talented performer whose presence on a stage guarantees a great time. He also brings a deep understanding of and compassion for the human condition, informing his programs with depth and meaning."

— **Regina Ress**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David is an extraordinary talent and a delight to work with. He gives 110% everytime."

— **Robert Walter**, was David's client

"David Gonzalez is a creative, multi-faceted artist with whom I've had the pleasure to work in my own projects (to which he brought his acclaimed poetry), in collaboration (we wrote a successful musical theatre piece together that played off-Broadway), and in his collaborative, story-telling, multi-media productions. In each case, I've always been struck by his energy and imagination, his openness and collaborative spirit, all of this matched by an admirable organizational mind and ability to put clients instantly at ease. I can't recommend him highly enough. - D.D. Jackson"

— **D.D. Jackson**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"David is a great writer and performer and his subjects are timely. He is very easy to work with because he knows what he wants. Thom Wolf"

— **Thom Wolf**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"I hired David Gonzalez to be the narrator of Nueva Voices: The Nueva York Audio Tour as part of the Nueva York: 1613-1945 exhibition at El Museo del Barrio, co-curated by El Museo and the New-York Historical Society. David was fantastic as the narrator. He brought much of the same warm and charisma that he infuses into his storytelling to the audio tour which was exactly the sound I was hoping for. Not only did he do a terrific job with the narration--he did it in both English and Spanish! I also worked with David when he was the host of New York Kids. Week in and week out, he was an incredible host and he is amazing with kids. I have always enjoyed working with David and I hope to work with him again soon."

— **Chris Catanese**, was David's client

"David Gonzales is word class, "Grade A", one-of-a-kind artist and director. I've have observed in detail his communication skills, including his sensitivity (knowing "how"), timing (knowing "when") and mastery of his subject mater (knowing "what"). He has demonstrated his ability to consistently deliver his message. Davids broad spectrum of talent and skill combined with his attention to detail will help your organization

grow, mature and increase in all facets of operation. He's flexible, easy to work with and I am happy to recommend him without hesitation."

— **Jimmy Maxwell**, was David's client

"I know a few storytellers. I know many musicians. I know some poets. David Gonzalez combines all of these plus more and can effortlessly entertain both children and adults. I am constantly surprised by each performance...and I've known David for almost 20 years. He is a gifted performer."

— **Bryan R. Adams**, was a consultant or contractor to David at RainArt Productions

"David Gonzalez is one of the most creative and talented improvisational artists performing today - Mark Morganelli Executive Director Jazz Forum Arts"

— **Mark Morganelli**, was David's client

"David has performed at Mohonk Mountain House for a number of years, and I had the pleasure to work with him and see two of his performances this year: Sleeping Beauty and the Hudson River tribute. As an expert showman, David brings his poems to the stage with great enthusiasm and much audience appeal. David is a creative, master story-teller and a whiz with words. I highly recommend David."

— **Jane E. Wilcox**, was David's client

"Storytelling Arts of Indiana has hired David Gonzalez to perform for adults, families and students at various times. His performances are high-energy, well-crafted and told through David's unique voice."

— **Ellen Munds**, was David's client

"David is one of the most creative and knowledgeable teacher-artist that I have worked with in my 35 years in Higher Education. I have hired him twice to perform and hold master classes at Monmouth University and have co-written a major grant with him (unfortunately it was not funded but process of working with him was fulfilling and productive in itself) David's credentials as a music therapist (doctorate) combined with his extraordinary artistic talent makes him an incredible resource for anyone or any agency or school looking for someone to connect with a class or audience of pretty much any age or culture."

— **Stanton Green**, was David's client

"I have known David over a number of years in a variety of venues. He is a powerful communicator using spoken word including story, poetry, and music, and written words to communicate effectively to audiences and individuals including youth, urban adults, families. I have seen him reach audiences through soulful personal narratives, and through exciting dynamic multi media pieces. His words can heal, motivate, and or educate."

— **Michael Seliger**, was David's client

"It is my pleasure to recommend award winning writer, entertainer, musician and professional storyteller, David Gonzales. David has graciously gifted the Fellowship of Reconciliation with his talent as performer and musician/storyteller during our holiday event, The Solstice Celebration. David is a masterful entertainer, engaging all ages, telling stories intertwined with music and audience participation, putting his uniquely creative spin on familiar fables while interspersing his own tales that lift the spirit and deliver a message. David has been the highlight of those magical December afternoons that bring together community and revelry for a sweet holiday moment. He is spectacular!"

— **Mary Heckler**, was David's client

"David is a fabulous performer and creator, eager to explore and develop ideas. Our collaboration on Carnival of the Animals was both easy and inspiring, and I take pleasure every time we perform it. On the business side, David is also creative and open to new ideas. He creates a professional relationship while keeping things personal and warm."

— **Frederic Chiu**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"As an A&E writer, I've come to appreciate David's talent as a spoken word artist."

— **Bill Rodriguez**, was with another company when working with David at RainArt Productions

"David is the consummate professional in creative and entrepreneurial endeavors. He is a visionary and resides in a category all his own. I have documented many of his performances and they are breathtaking, powerful and original to a fault. He is well organized in taking care of his business affairs and has great integrity. I hope to continue to work with David during the trajectory of his exceptional career."

— **Enid Farber**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David has extraordinary stage presence and his riveting keynotes allow clients to convey messages in creative, entertaining, and uplifting formats. David Gonzalez inspires, moves, and energizes corporate audiences and I highly recommend him as a speaker, motivator, and artist for your events."

— **Leonor McCall-Rodriguez, FACHE, MHA, MBA, CFRE**, was David's client

"David is an amazing, and complete entertainer, writer, musician, educator and more. He demonstrates mastery in everything he touches, and he is a great person to work with."

— **gregory Jones**, was with another company when working with David at RainArt Productions

"I have hired David Gonzalez to perform three separate times, with three very different audiences, including adults, small children, and 4th/5th graders (as well as ranging from a traditional public school, to an arts-based school, to a fundraiser with adults). I think the reviews of the audience provide the most persuasive endorsement. Days and weeks after the performances, all three audiences continued to speak of David's stories, his commanding presence on the stage, his ability to "inhabit" the character, and the extraordinary way he uses his body as an instrument. Components of his performance found their way into dialogues for weeks afterward, suggesting that the impact was not only an "immediate WOW" but a living, breathing, sustainable impact. The learning that took place was organic, multi-dimensional, and wrapped up in some serious FUN! David is unique in that his business professionalism is spot-on. He provides the necessary background materials in a timely way, is responsive to requests for additional information, has immediate follow-up, and shows up on-time or early for his gigs. He is meticulous in his set-up, but not demanding. He is kind and respectful to the staff who assist him with setting up his stage and other requirements. David is the type of performer that one can hire, then sit back and enjoy the show. The details and the big picture will come together fluidly. Every time."

— **#Patti Peeples, PhD, RPh**, was David's client

"I had the pleasure of working with David on an extended project at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord, NH that focused on his "Frog Bride" production. David was instrumental in helping to conceive of the work which we modeled on the Lincoln Center Institute practice of multiple encounters with a work of art. David possesses great value with his creative thinking and knowledge base in teaching and learning styles."

— **Shawn Powers**, was David's client

"David is a joy to work with!!! Highly recommend him. I've had the pleasure of seeing him work with children. It's remarkable how impactful his performances are. Watching the kids' faces and smiles are priceless. April AMT PR"

— **April Thibeault**, managed David at RainArt Productions

"David is an extraordinary creative artist. I had the privilege of seeing him perform twice ...in Atlanta at Mythological Journeys and again at the Joseph Campbell Foundation program at Esalen. He is a captivating, original and inspirational presenter."

— **Lynne Kaufman**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"I've known David Gonzalez for over 20 years, since I represented him as booking agent/manager in my work for Five Corners Music in Maryland. I have seen him perform numerous times at various conferences and venues in my capacity as the director of my own agency, ZAMO!. David is a powerful, dedicated and delightful performer and teacher – and a true gentleman. He stands elegantly in the long line of griots

who keep culture alive via the spoken word. He is an articulate leader in the Latino community who has spearheaded numerous creative projects that have positively impacted children and adults and he has opened a doorway to the enjoyment of Latino culture. In addition to his finely crafted art of storytelling, David is a writer and musician who works with his own ensembles and is often featured with other well-known artist who has made significant contributions to the field of arts education and performance. David has introduced me to other artists who I subsequently represented, given me sage advice, and made me laugh. I have a deep respect and liking for him because while he takes his own work very seriously, he's also fun and calming to be around, and committed to the entire arts community. I could not recommend anyone more highly. All in all, David is "good people." Work with him – you'll be glad you did!"

— **Judith Z. (Zelda) Miller**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David is an astonishing, engaging performer and teacher. If you're already talking to him and have a common project in mind, then rest assured, he will deliver."

— **Mark Lutwak**, was David's client

"David is the consummate performer. I've known him in a number of guises: storyteller, radio show host, director, mentor, amazing performer, and as a colleague. Any one who is in the position to hire David, supply him with grants, and allow their audience to experience him will be greatly rewarded."

— **Stuart Nager**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"Talented, engaging and hyper professional, David is a wonderful storyteller and has assembled a powerful show that is classic, entertaining, profound and timeless."

— **Charles Rice-Gonzalez**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"I've known David as a colleagues for over twenty years. He is an extraordinarily intelligent, creative, and passionate therapist/performer/storyteller/scholar. He is a sensitive collaborator in all projects and brings a great combination of professionalism, imagination, humor, and talent to every encounter."

— **Carolyn Kenny**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"David is a passionate, deep, funny and dynamic thinker and performer."

— **Bill Gordh**, worked directly with David at RainArt Productions

"David was a pleasure to work with and for. Always up beat . Business like and responsible."

— **Allen Watsky**, was a consultant or contractor to David at RainArt Productions

"David not only is a master storyteller but an artist in the full sense of the word. Whether he's performing his meaningful works for adults or children, it is impossible not to sway along with the cadence of his narratives nor be moved by the depth of what he has to say."

— **Juan Pablo Mobili**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"I had the pleasure of meeting David during Deepak Chopra's "Alliance for a New Humanity" in Costa Rica. To say I was blown away is an understatement! David took to the stage all of his amazing talents during this 3 day Global Event. Music, Poetry, Storytelling, and Public Speaking, were all put on display to a captivated world audience. David's magical performances left them uplifted and inspired, including myself! "David Gonzalez speaks with courageous humanity and brilliant creativity - his poetry and stories uplift the spirit and inspire wonder." - Deepak Chopra I highly recommend you catch David's "Soul Refreshing" performance! You'll be glad you did. Mike Robles Emmy Award Comedian"

— **Mike Robles**, worked with David at RainArt Productions

"I will begin this recommendation, as I will end it: David Gonzalez is an extraordinary artist, whose work I find stimulating, intelligent, and inspiring. Combining a remarkable sense of humor, the stage presence and charisma of a confident performer, the swing of a creative and skilled musician, and his natural empathy and warmth, he finds a way to present and comment on compelling topics in an incisive, witty, and engaging manner. He has developed presentations for a large range of age and interest groups, and is clear, focused, and professional. To keep this short, I end as I began: David Gonzalez is an extraordinary artist, whose work I find stimulating, intelligent, and inspiring."

— **Cliff Korman**, was with another company when working with David at RainArt Productions

"David is an extremely gifted storyteller. His love of performing shines through in all his productions and his distinctive voice captures audiences of all ages."

— **Florence Barrau-Adams**, was with another company when working with David at RainArt Productions

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