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"Helping students reach their potential through creative communication."



Students are visual. Youth culture is always changing. Landing a positive message in a sea of noise and hurt is a difficult challenge.

Eric Samuel Timm rises to this challenge. He's part artist, part speaker, part author and all passion. These different elements give Eric the chance to be heard in today's public school assemblies. He is sought after for his ability to present truth through art and in ways that are proven to hold the attention of his audiences, not to mention "laugh out loud" funny. Eric stirs up what lays dormant and leaves students and teachers inspired. When he speaks, they'll listen. When he paints, the art will speak louder than words.

Eric resides in Rochester, MN with his wife, Danielle, and sons, Xavier and Zander, and daughter, Zadia.



A personal message from Eric:

Thank you for taking time to consider the possibilities of allowing me to speak, paint and inspire your communities greatest asset, your students.

Painting Hope strives to make a positive difference in the lives of young people, the communities they live in, and the world we share. It would be an honor to partner with you to better our world, together, while challenging your students to choose hope!

I often share with students, "it is not a measure of how things begin rather how we choose to finish them." Today we have a chance to help them finish strong no matter what has led them to this point. I do not accept the thought process that their past determines their future.

Together we can equip students to conquer hate and sow hope in their own lives and your school.

On the Same Team,

Eric Samuel Timm



What is in a Painting Hope School Assembly Program?

Using live art performance and speaking as the vehicle to deliver the messages, Eric Samuel Timm seeks to provide character-based public school assembly programs with powerful messages that assist in freeing students from destructive choices and influences.

Programs available; The Power of Your Story, The Power of Words, The Power of a Dream, more programs coming,

Eric's messages focus on character development, including but not limited to:

- Transparency
- Cutting
- Integrity
- Respect
- Healthy choices
- Responsibility
- Good Citizenship
- Trustworthiness



What Administrators Are Saying

"We were grateful for the time and energy you put into preparing a relative and meaningful message for our students. Continue to utilize your performance to impact lives!"

Mike Carr, Principal, Monticello High School

"Thank you for the message. Everyone was very professional."

Jeffery Scherber, Principal, Monticello Middle School

"This was one of the most awesome student lyceums I've been a part of during my years as an educator. From the set-up to the tear down, the entire crew was highly professional and engaging. Eric's message was inspiring and meaningful. We will definitely build on this throughout the year. Highly motivating and inspirational."

Tim Christensen, Adrian High School

Adrian Teachers said:

"Great message! Kids need to hear often. Thank you!"

"Good material presented in an entertaining way. The topic was timely and presented at students' level."

"Great message! Kids need to hear often. Thank you!"

"Excellent presentation and message! Students were fully engaged at all times. Very powerful message! This is the best lyceum I have ever attended. This presentation was inspirational for everyone, if they have a chance, should hear this! Great job Eric and team!"

"This was an excellent program that was very well done. Eric did a great job establishing rapport with our kids and connecting. This is a message that continually needs to be spread."

Brent Town, Sibley-Ocheyedan Schools

"Great job! Engaging, great message."

Nate Hansen, Worthington ALC

"Very appropriate for the student body. Above and beyond expectations. Kids were engaged and kept them engaged, well worth the money."

Paul Bang, Heron Lake - Okabena High School

"Eric did a great job of motivating and encouraging students to speak words of life to one-another. His message tied right into conversations on respect and creating a positive school culture."

Jake Scandrett, Murray County Central High School

"Eric provided a powerful message about the power of words. His presentation was engaging to all students K-4. We loved the combination of music, painting, and speaking. We had such wonderful feedback from our staff and students. I know many of them will be attending the community presentation tonight. Excellent presentation and message -- very engaging for all levels."

Cory Van Briesen, Prairie Elementary School, Worthington MN

"Liked that the band played current, popular music. Great show, great message! The painting is hanging in the locker area."

Jeff Luke, Worthington Middle School

"Great program! Glad we brought it to the area."

Joshua Noble, Worthington High School

"Excellent and productive."

Jay Townsend, Fairmount Public School

"Good message and lots of energy."

Steve Hockert, Wahpeton Middle School

"Fantastic! Loved it! The topic is so important, our kids need to hear it."

Ned Clooten, Wahpeton High School

"Excellent message! I would recommend this presentation, it was engaging and fun."

Corinna Erickson, Breckenridge Elem/Middle School

"Eric's ability to hold student's attention was wonderful. Our expectations were met and the program was thought provoking, we will use this as an example throughout the year. Great energy -- Entertaining yet delivered the message. Eric included staff, teachers, and used students names. I loved the closing poem "Stand Up" I would absolutely recommend this program to other schools."

Ivan Hirst, Breckenridge High School

"Excellent! I would recommend this presentation to other schools."

Richard Swanson, Byron Middle School

"Message was clear and entertaining."

Steve Willman, Byron High School

"Great show and great message, I would recommend this presentation to other schools."

Joel Swenson, Royaltown High School/Middle School

"Awesome as usual - homerun!"

Scott Doss, Pillager Middle School

"The message was great, the music was great, and the students really enjoyed it. The message is what our students needed to hear and created a lot of thought."

Cory Larson, Minnewaska Area Day Treatment

"Awesome! Beyond expectations!"

Mike Finco, Principal, Hibbing High School

"Well done. Not preachy."

Jeff Drake, Battle Lake Middle School

"Heard from many staff and students that this was the best assembly they've seen...ever!"

Jeff Britten, Greenway High School

"Great job! I have gotten positive feedback from all the groups that participated. Thanks!"

Nate Guetter, Assistant Principal, Rocori High School

"Refreshing and positive! Great Message!"

Rick Aldrich, Principal, Chisholm High School

"Amazing program! Kids and adults loved it!"

Dan Adams, Principal, Robert J. Elkington Middle School, Grand Rapids

"I love that this program can be extended and built upon!"
Summer Opacich, Dean of Students, Floodwood Secondary

"This (program) went exceptionally well and was very well received by both students and staff. The way EST brought the message full circle as well as his use of art, incorporated into the program, effectively drew in the students."

Shane Thielke, Assistant Principal, Kennedy Secondary, Fergus Falls

"Awesome! (Eric) connects with students."

Martin Lanter, Principal, Wheaton Area Middle School/High School

"Good message with tremendous connection. Many students and teachers were moved."

Tate Jerome, Principal, Chokio/Alberta Schools

"(His) message had a positive impact on students."

Bill Kehoe, Principal, Morris Area High School

"It's not just a speaker talking for three hours about bullying. He gets students involved and uses music to catch their attention and keeps it...I also like how he included and made it relevant for everyone—hunters, athletes, scholars, etc. (He) reminded them that they can make an impact, good or bad."

Sara McKinley, Counselor, CGB Middle and High School

"Excellent!"

Dan Snaza, Principal, Milbank High School

"Excellent message to all our students."

Tim Lease, Principal, Koch Elementary, Milbank, SD

"They did an outstanding job...really connected with our kids!"

Nick Guertin, Principal, Watertown/Mayer Middle School.

"Eric did an excellent job! His message was clear and I would love more information on his other assemblies. It is not easy to hold the attention span of students in grades 7-12, but with Eric and the band, our kids could have been engaged for hours!"

Pat Moriarty, Principal, Springfield High School

"Eric had an excellent message for our students on the power of words. He spoke with passion, humor and discernment. His points were clear and easy for even our youngest students to understand. His gifts of art will be displayed proudly in our school as reminders of his message. Thank you!"

Jeff Kuehn, Principal, Springfield Elementary

"Great presentation! It was very engaging and relevant. I heard many comments about this being the best assembly in a long time. Both the students and staff shared this. Thank you!"

Wade Mathers, Principal, Little Falls Community Middle School

"The performance and message of this lyceum is without a doubt the "Best Lyceum" presentation I have attended! (It contained) Excellent pacing, high student involvement, a well-stated message and a very professional production! (This) strong, clear message...touched everyone's heart."

Dale Harbitz, Principal, Trimont Elementary School

Sleepy Eye Teachers said:

"One of the best, if not the best, lyceums I've attended. (Eric) really caught the kid's attention and made them think in a very creative way."

"Kids could relate and it sent a good message."

"Engaging, relevant and inspirational. All students need to hear this."

"Excellent presentation and message."

"I had a student tell me it was the most inspiring thing she had ever seen!!"

"One of my students said it was the most motivational speaker they had ever heard!"

"Eric is entertaining and talented and includes a strong message."

Phil Goetstouwers, Principal, Red Rock Central Schools

"Outstanding program!"

David Traetow, Principal, Martin County West HS

"(Eric) is a very engaging speaker (with) a good message to share. It is a rare occasion to have our entire student body completely silent in reflection!"

Jeremy Schultz, Principal, Cedar Mountain Secondary

"The message was awesome! Eric did a great job of capturing the student's attention and keeping it. The message fit our anti-bullying campaign to a tee."

Michael Olson, Principal, Little Falls Community High School

"Eric's message was to the point, impactful, and memorable. The overall experience was as good a presentation as I've seen to middle school students."

Tom Otte, Assistant Principal, Healy High School, Pierz, MN

"His message was so clear and spoken in a way that all could understand and will resonate with them for a very long time!

I heard great things (before) but he and his message were so much more!! The message is what we all need to hear often."

Karrie Boser, Principal, Healy High School, Pierz, MN

"It was a great message that fit with our PBIS program..."

Larry Edgerton, Principal, Lincoln Elementary, Little Falls, MN

"Top Notch! Loved the message! Love how he connected Abe Lincoln/toothpaste/art/music/student responses toward 'Word of Life!'"

Joel Lundin, Principal, Monticello High School, Monticello, MN

"I've been MMS principal for 11 years and I feel this the best program we've had. Parents contacted me and shared how their child come home raving about Eric Timm. Parent, student and staff response all very positive."

Jeff Scherber Principal, Monticello MS, Monticello, MN

"Excellent job! I had many positive comments from students and staff. You were engaging, held my the students attention and the message was powerful for all to hear."

Michael Scott, Assistant Principal, Hutchinson HS, Hutchinson, MN

"Yes, I would recommend Eric Timm."

Kevin Acquard, Principal, New London/Spicer HS, New London, MN

"With over 30 years of experience, this is the best assembly I have been involved in. It was very professional, used humor, and the message was delivered and received."

Jon Fulton, Principal, Wabasso HS, Wabasso, MN

"This is the most engaging student body program I have seen in my 25 years in education. Mixing the painting, music and energizing message engaged the kids in a way that their attention was caught and the message was received."

Wade McKittrick, Principal, Wabasso Elementary, Wabasso, MN

"Excellent program."

Eric Bjurman, Assistant Principal, Discovery MS, Alexandria, MN

"I was concerned about how students would stay engaged since we had Eric only two years ago. Eric did an incredible job of keeping students engaged!"

Robert Brakke, Assistant Principal, Alexandria Area HS, Alexandria, MN

My Teacher's Responses from Willmar Area 5th Grade:

"Great message for everybody! The students enjoyed the music, stories and art."

"Students loved the program. It opened doors for great follow up conversations about bullying. It is something we talk about consistently so it's nice to have 'new material' to bring up to the kids."

"The method of presenting captivates student's attention."

"This program made a huge impact on students. I loved that it addressed not only what we say to others, but to ourselves and online."

"Great message and entertaining."

"What a great program! It really inspired my classroom students!"

Todd Goggleye, Principal, Kennedy Elementary, Willmar, MN

"Months later there is still discussion and reflection from students within our school building about Eric's personal impact on them."

Ray Staatz - Principal - Pipestone MN Area Schools"

"I was very impressed with the presentation. Eric had a great ability to connect with the kids."

Nels Onstad, Principal, West Central Area School

"I thought Eric did an excellent job of drawing the students in with his humor and it set the stage for when he got serious. It's well worth the time spent."

Russ Armstrong, Principal, Wheaton Secondary

"Great Message!"

Craig Peterson, Principal, Morris Area School

"Truly fantastic! It was professionally run, they stayed on time, it was a great message, the band was wonderful and Eric was outstanding."

Patrick Falk, Principal, Minnewaska Secondary

"It is very inspiring; holds students attention and is appropriate material."

Diane Cordes, Director, Minnewaska Day Treatment

"The students are already asking when we can have him back. Enough said."

Tim Pahl, Principal, Hancock Public School

"The program touched a lot of kids."

Bill Kehoe, Principal, Chokio-Alberta Schools.

Student comments:

"Coolest assembly ever!"

"That sure made me think about how I use my words."

"Every teenager everywhere should hear this."

Amy Sack, Assistant Principal, Jefferson High School, Alexandria, MN.

"This message is exactly what our students needed to hear in this fast-paced, instant gratification, cyber world they live in."

Amy Sack, Assistant Principal, Jefferson High School, Alexandria, MN.

"The presentation was thought provoking and students were on the edge of their seats."

Robert Brakke, Assistant Principal, Discovery Middle School, Alexandria, MN.

"Powerful! (Eric) addressed difficult topics head on for our students."

Nicky Severtson, Principal, Albert Lea Area Learning Center, Albert Lea, MN

"Eric is masterful at reading his audience and tailoring his message!"

Steve Kovach, Principal, Southwest Middle School, Albert Lea, MN

"All the students were attentive and engaged. Immediately that day, we had students speaking up and advocating for themselves as Eric encouraged them to do during the program."

Roger Francis, Principal, Pocahontas Area MS/HS, Pocahontas, IA

"The artwork was amazing, the message was even stronger. We had students still talking about the program, artwork, music group and presentation."

Kevin Wood, Principal, Manson NW Webster High School, Manson, IA

"(I) really enjoyed having the presentation at our school—Thank you! Our students found it to be very valuable."

Bradley Bergstrom, Principal, Austin High School, Austin, MN

"He kept their attention through the use of visuals. The toothpaste visual hit home with many students and staff. The message of life language verse the language of death was powerful to our students."

Jason Senne, Principal, Ellis Middle School, Austin, MN

Albert Lea High School Teachers:

"Very dynamic speaker (the program) opens people's eyes."

"Good message nicely packaged. The artwork was especially impressive."

"Good message and relatable."

"I thought it was an amazing presentation. I enjoyed the delivery and how it was unique. I really felt as though it made an impact on some students. It sent a powerful message. I would go to see this many times."

"Excellent program. I understand what Eric was doing in taking his time, but could have gotten to the point sooner."

"Very good! It was funny and serious all at once."

"The music/artistic beginning was unique...loved the ending. Everyone has issues."

"It was awesome!"

"It was a fantastic presentation. It's hard to keep 1100 student's focused for that long and I think he nailed it."

"Eric and the band did a great job keeping the student's attention. It was great to see the toothpaste presentation and relating it to being mindful of what we say."

"This is different than normal bullying presentations. The students were attentive. I liked the addition of music and art."

Jim Wagner, Principal, Albert Lea High School, Albert Lea, MN