

Cutting Edge Innertainment



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Dan Meyer bio

DAN MEYER is a unique performance artist who specializes in the extremely dangerous and very narrow field of cutting edge *innertainment* - **Sword Swallowing!**

A passionate advocate for preserving the ancient art of sword swallowing, Dan Meyer is known as the **world's leading sword swallower** for his live comedy performances, high profile stunts, award-winning research studies, motivational talks, medical lectures, and media appearances around the world. Described as a "Christian David Copperfield" who combines extreme feats with a powerful message instead of just tricks and illusions, Dan eats fire and swallows solid steel swords, sabers, bayonets, razors, saws, and other objects up to 30 inches long, and up to **15** swords at once!

After being amazed while watching fire-eaters and sword swallowers -- first as a child watching circus sideshows in Indiana, and later as a missionary witnessing Indian fakirs in India -- Dan became passionate about learning the incredible feats himself. After working in the music business in Nashville, London, and Stockholm, Dan shifted his focus from music to variety entertainer as clown, juggler, stilt-walker, fire-eater, glass-eater, and finally the most dangerous of all performance arts: Sword Swallower.

Hearing there were "less than a dozen sword swallowers left in the world" in 1997 led Dan on his quest to locate the surviving sword swallowers and master the ancient art himself. After four years of in-depth research and daily practice totalling almost 13,000 unsuccessful attempts, Dan finally taught himself to swallow solid steel swords up to **30** inches long while networking the remaining sword swallowers into the **Sword Swallowers Association International**.

As President of the **Sword Swallowers Association**, avid historical researcher, and award-winning author of a 2-year research study published in the **British Medical Journal** that won him the **2007 Ig Nobel Prize in Medicine** at Harvard, Dan is now recognized as the **world's leading expert** in the 4000 year old art of sword swallowing.

A 5-time **Guinness World Record** holder, **Ripley's Believe It or Not**, and **Top 50** finalist on NBC's hit reality show **America's Got Talent**, Dan is known as the world's leading sword swallower performing around the world today. Dan has been seen on The Today Show, Stan Lee's Superhumans, CNN News, CNN Health, Discovery Channel, Discovery Health, Discovery Int'l, The Learning Channel, History Channel, Travel Channel, USA Network, Food Network, Spike TV, ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, MSNBC, AOL News, MTV, ESPN, ET, CMT, WGN, 20/20, 48 Hours, PBS, NPR, BBC, CBC, CTV, ITV, NTV Russia, Jimmy Kimmel, Mancow, Newsweek, USA Today, NY Post, NY Times, London Times, National Geographic, Forbes, Nature Magazine, Guardian Magazine, British Medical Journal, Scientific American, Science Daily, Christian Activities, and Lutheran Standard – on over 700 TV appearances, 800 radio stations, and 1000 magazine and newspaper articles around the world. Dan has shared the stage with artists such as Brooks & Dunn, NewsBoys, Audio Adrenaline, Hawk Nelson, Jeremy Camp, and Britt Nicole, and at Guinness and Ripley's Believe It or Not attractions, colleges, universities, museums, science, medical, corporate, family and youth events in 15 countries on 4 continents around the world.

Despite a close call with a near-fatal injury while swallowing 5 swords at once, Dan enjoys inspiring audiences with incredible feats. "I enjoy performing REAL feats that people think are impossible to demonstrate how incredible the human body is, to inspire people to do the impossible in their lives," Dan explains. To prove his point, Dan swallowed a 30-inch sword while **submerged 20 feet underwater** in a **tank of 80 sharks and stingrays** for **Ripley's Believe It or Not**, a feat witnessed by over 40 million viewers on 400 TV stations. In 2010, he topped that by swallowing a sword heated **red-hot to 1500 degrees** for **Stan Lee's Superhumans**, a feat witnessed by over 90 million viewers.

Dan enjoys performing full-time at colleges, universities, museums, science and medical events, corporate conventions, artist tours, concerts, festivals, TV and radio talk shows, documentaries, and church, family and Christian youth events around the world through **Cutting Edge Innertainment.com**