

GREGORY BURNS

MFA

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Thank you again on behalf of all the students, staff and parents who attended your talks at Kellett School. It is clear that your message has been clearly heard by all and hopefully in time will have an effect, however subconsciously it may be.

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The British
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Keynote: Kellett International School, HK, 2013

Keynote Speaker internationally acclaimed artist and athlete

Gregory Burns knows better than most what it takes to believe in oneself while rising above limitations. His unique personal history and achievements have made him a powerful source of inspiration and motivation for audiences to maximize their potential and creativity while overcoming life's challenges.

By customizing each presentation based on the needs and objectives of his clients, Gregory has shared his highly energized and varied experiences with schools and organizations for over 30 years through international speaking engagements with groups such as Lions Club, Rotary International, Raffles Girls

School in Singapore, Taipei School for the Blind, Kellett International School in Hong Kong, Grizzly Academy in Memphis and the American Schools in Taiwan and Singapore.

Gregory is an internationally acclaimed artist, athlete and professional speaker. He holds an MFA in painting and has produced dozens of solo painting exhibitions in sixteen countries over the past thirty years. Since 1999, twenty inspiring five-star hotels from across the globe have invited Gregory as Artist-in-Residence. His paintings hang in various Four Seasons, Banyan Tree, and Shangri-La resorts as well as in the collections of Deutsch Bank, BHP Billiton, Swatch and Bill Clinton.

Gregory competed in the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Paralympic Games as a member of the USA Disabled Swim Team, capturing numerous gold and silver medals while breaking five world records. Retiring from competitive swimming, he transitioned into endurance sporting events and completed the 2006 Korea IronMan race and the Singapore Half-IronMan races in 2007, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Gregory has published two books in English and Mandarin and has been featured on CNBC, ESPN, CCTV and CNA as well as in The AWSJ, Time Magazine and The China Daily.

Hi! I'm a sec 2 student from Raffles Girls School. I thought that the talk you gave us on friday was very inspiring and very motivating! We have had many talks throughout the year on determination and trying your best and adapting to stuff but my friends and I feel that yours is the best of all of them and it's the most inspiring. Yeah so I'd like to thank you for that (:

Hui Min
Secondary School Student
Raffles Girls School, Singapore



2011 Singapore



1996 Atlanta Paralympics

Beyond Limitations Keynote

making the most of our assets

60-90 minute multi-media presentation

Faced with external or internal limitations, we all battle and struggle to achieve goals that we are not sure we can reach. No matter what our age or level of personal achievement, each new challenge requires a new decision and commitment. While testing his limits, Gregory's story speaks directly to the hearts of his audience.

This dynamic 60-90 minute talk, utilizing dramatic slides and video footage, encourages listeners to go beyond their limitations to build self confidence and achieve personal objectives.

Key speaking points:

- **Going beyond self imposed limitations**
- **Building self confidence & resilience**
- **Adapting & making the most of our assets**
- **Balancing school and personal life**
- **Perseverance through uncertainty**
- **Developing passion and talents**

Contracting polio in Jerusalem when he was one, paralyzing his lower extremities and requiring the use of crutches and braces, Gregory finished his first Marathon at the age of 26 and the grueling 222km Korea IronMan race at the age of 48. Leading up to these benchmarks were decades of discipline and training during which he secured five world records in swimming during three Paralympic Games. An environmentalist and naturalist at heart, he has trekked many of the world's highest mountains from Nepal to California.

Educated in France, Germany, Holland, USA, China, Taiwan and Australia, as a professional fine artist, Gregory deals daily with the challenges of pushing himself, and his contemporary paintings from good to great. He speaks about developing an internal dialogue which helps us to work through adversity and uncertainty in order to carry on and triumph.

Terms & Conditions of engagement

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Gregory Burns' professional fee is US\$ 10,000 per engagement plus roundtrip business class airfare from Singapore, and necessary hotel, food, ground transportation and country visa charges, if any. These fees are payable by wire transfer, and are net of any local withholding taxes which may be imposed by your country. Gregory offers a sliding scale for non-profit schools and organizations.

A non-refundable 50% deposit of the professional fee is required to "confirm" a date, with the balance due two weeks prior to the actual program date. If for any reason there is a cancellation at least one month prior to the date, the deposit will be applied in full to another event scheduled within one calendar year.

Video and/or audio recording of Gregory's presentation is allowed provided one digital master copy of the recording is delivered to Gregory within 7 days of the presentation. These recordings may be used for your internal use only, and are not for sale, lease or distribution to any other organization without Gregory's written permission.

Gregory will work with your team to customize his presentation to meet your objectives, fit your schedule and support your program theme.

We look forward to partnering with you to design and deliver an outstanding event.

Please contact Gregory at:

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greg@gregoryburns.com for details.

[YouTube video of Gregory speaking:](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNnY2mO1Y7E>

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Singapore Olympic Academy, Singapore
 Singapore National Swim Team, Singapore
 Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore
 Singapore American School
 Taipei American School, Taiwan
 Lions Club, California
 Rotary Club International
 Ming Shen Newspaper, Taiwan
 Taipei School for the Blind, Taiwan
 YMCA, Taiwan
 Hong Kong School for the Disabled
 Saint Joseph's Institute, Singapore
 Club Rainbow, Singapore
 Very Special Arts, Singapore
 Teach Me School, Singapore
 APSC Swim School, Singapore
 Raffles Girls School, Singapore
 Victoria Jr College, Singapore
 New Hope Christian Academy, Memphis
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 Happy Hearts Home, Indonesia
 Day Star Academy, Beijing
 March of Dimes, Chicago
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