

# STEVE SESKIN

Keynote Speaker

Steve Seskin, co-writer of the song "Don't Laugh at Me," presents excerpts from one of the premier character education programs in schools today as part of his keynote address at national education conferences, kickoff regional staff meetings and many other events. The goal of the *Operation Respect/Don't Laugh at Me* project is to create emotionally safe, nurturing environments for children, where they can learn academics as well as respect, compassion and how to celebrate rather than be threatened by diversity. It is not about "tolerance," it is about acceptance. The presentation features many other songs that speak of related issues which children of all ages deal with on a daily basis.

Steve also presents inspirational keynote speeches at universities and music conferences. As a successful songwriter, he draws upon the experiences all songwriters face, and helps his listeners hold these experiences as inspirational guides for their continued work in the craft of song. He enfold his songs into his keynote speech presentation deftly, encouraging thousands of listeners to sing before your eyes.

Steve will have you wiping away a tear one minute and laughing out loud the next. His songs all have messages that touch the hearts of everyone: from the feelings of a little boy missing his father, to growing up and being true to yourself, to one of his most well know themes of being considerate to and respectful of one another as expressed in "Don't Laugh at Me."



## Keynote Speech Highlights

- **West Virginia Teachers Annual Conference**, Charleston, WV 2002/2003
- **Road Rally - TAXI**, Los Angeles, CA 2002/2003
- **National Reading Styles Institute Conference**, San Antonio, TX 2003
- **California Peer Counseling Conference**, Sacramento, CA 2003
- **Nassau Tract Conference on Safe Schools**, Long Island, NY 2003
- **Moline Illinois School District Character Education Kickoff**, Moline, IL 2003
- **Chicago Hawthorne School District Kickoff**, Chicago, IL 2003
- **Alameda Educators Conference**, Hayward, CA 2003
- **St. Marys Teacher Accreditation Program**, Moraga, CA 2002/2003
- **CSUH Teacher Accreditation Program**, Hayward, CA 2001/2002/2003
- **National Albinism Conference**, Concord, CA 2002
- **SELPA West Contra Costa Annual Meeting**, Concord, CA 2002
- **Stanislaus Union School District Kickoff**, Modesto, CA 2002
- **California Administrator Conference**, Monterey, CA 2002
- **SELPA Sacramento Directors Meeting**, Sacramento, CA 2002
- **Hayward California School Board**, Hayward, CA 2001
- **Mental Health Symposium**, California State University, Hayward, CA 2004/2005
- **Learning Disabilities Association of California**, Ontario, CA 2002
- **Appearance with Barbara Colorado Markham Public Library**, Toronto, Canada 2002
- **Calgary City Teachers Conference**, Calgary, Canada 2004
- **World Youth Kindness Conference**, Corona, CA 2004/2005
- **The What Works Symposium**, Washington, DC 2005
- **National Board For Professional Teaching Standards Conference**, Washington, DC 2004/2005

*"Earlier this fall we had the pleasure of meeting Steve Seskin and being entertained by him at our kick off for the 2003-2004 school year. Each year the entire teaching staff of School Administrative Unit #13 gathers for an opening celebration and this past session was the most powerful one yet!"*

– Gwen Poirer, EdD,  
Superintendent  
Silver Lake, New Hampshire

*"You are a monster! Our audience hung on your every word. You are truly an inspiration to all who follow in your footsteps."*

– Michael Lasko,  
TAXI Music Conference

*"You made this one day in a lifetime a celebration to remember for a long time to come."*

– Deborah Brown,  
CAPP, Conference Manager

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