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Gus has spent most of his career leading innovative teams with empathy and effectiveness. He has spearheaded Intrapreneurial Initiatives for a major corporation, including co-creating a Training and Education department.

Beyond the corporate world, Gus has **founded a 350-member** Improvisational Thinking community, **taught over 1,000 students**, and performed at the North Carolina Comedy Festival.

Gus uses his **creative leadership** experience and his **professional acting and improvising** experience to create engaging workshops that foster participants' Improvisational Thinking abilities.



## Workshop Facilitator & Speaker

Clients reach out to me when their group needs a radical, hands-on way to navigate communications challenges. I design workshops to teach practical, experiential lessons on communicating, improvising, and speaking.

All while participants are laughing along the way.

#### What is Improvisational Thinking?

Improvisational Thinking is the skill of embracing frameworks & techniques of professional performers, improvisers, and facilitators to **enhance your own communication abilities**.

With Improvisational Thinking, Gus empowers attendees to **speak engagingly, create effortlessly, and connect with others quickly**.

Life is improvised. Why not think like an improviser?

# Workshops

#### **Speak Confidently & Engage Audiences**

Foster your group's ability to **communicate effectively and captivate audiences**.

This workshop equips attendees with practical skills to enhance their public speaking, stage presence, and interpersonal communication.

- >> Command the stage with ease
- Capture audience attention with storytelling frameworks
- Discover your inner facilitator for productive Q&A sessions
- Leave your audience wanting more

### Create Effortlessly & Silence the Inner Critic

**Unleash your group's creativity** while banishing self-doubt.

This workshop empowers attendees to embrace mistakes, adapt to challenges, and effectively and collaboratively communicate their ideas.

- → Use "Yes And" to silence judgment, even in groups
- >> Foster a mindset of curiosity
- → Adapt and innovate under constraints
- → Cultivate fertile Idea Gardens
- **→** Break through creative blocks

#### Team Building: Connect, Create, & Commit

Adapt, collaborate, and navigate challenges effectively in a safe, fun environment.

This workshop provides tools to foster connection, spark creativity, and instill a shared commitment to achieving common goals.

- Train active listening skills
- Respond positively to challenges and change
- Boost innovative problem-solving abilities through Environment Design
- Instill a shared commitment to achieving common goals



We learned a lot about being able to listen. Gus did an **outstanding job of making us feel comfortable** and I have a better understanding that **improv improves our communication**.





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