

David LaMotte

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You're changing the world whether you like it or not.

Performing Speaking Inspiring



David LaMotte is a performing singer/songwriter and guitarist, with 11 CDs and 2500 concerts on 4 continents and in 48 states to his credit. He also has a long-running passion for peace and “worldchanging” work, leading him to found and direct a non-profit that supports education in Guatemala, chair the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee, and travel to conflict zones and sites of extreme poverty (India, Bosnia, Thailand, Northern Ireland, Israel and Palestine, among others) to learn and teach. David holds a masters degree in International Relations, Peace, and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, where he studied as a Rotary World Peace Fellow. His field work included sustainable development in Andhra Pradesh, India. In 2012 he published his second children’s book, *White Flour*, a whimsical and true story that teaches creative nonviolence in response to aggression. His forthcoming book is titled *Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness*. LaMotte was named a “Madison World Changer” by his undergraduate alma mater, James Madison University, and India’s largest newspaper, *The Hindu*, calls him “a global citizen [who has] touched hearts across the globe.”

“In twenty-two years... this was the best staff event I've ever sent my people to.”
Steve Peterson, Executive Director
Conroe MCA, Houston, Texas

LaMotte is an entertaining presenter, weaving humor and engaging stories into his presentations, and breaking what seem like impossibly big problems down into bite-size pieces. His two and a half decades on stage as a musician have honed his skill in connecting with audiences. Attendees report leaving his presentations feeling validated and encouraged as well as challenged. Recent feedback reads “Absolutely amazing message... so much to think about.”

“Two years later I still hear students talking about his presentation and how relevant it was to their lives.”
Mindy Maddux
Drury College

Has Appeared With
John Lewis **Pete Seeger**
Desmond Tutu

Presentations Worldwide, Including

- Berlin Peace Conference: *Berlin, Germany* • Rotary International Peace Symposium: *Bangkok, Thailand*
- George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis & Reconciliation: *Washington, DC*
- PCUSA General Assembly, *San Diego, California* • National Restorative Justice Conference: *Kerrville, Texas*

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David's Core Program worldchanging 101

Frequently Asked Questions

“David effects change not only with his words and stories, but also with his music. Bring him in!”

Boyd Jones
Winthrop University

1 Changing the world? ...Really?

Like any good first year (101) university course, David's workshops and keynotes do not pretend to offer answers, but they offer new ways to look at important questions. In this case, the questions are about how large-scale social change happens and how it does not. Through story, analysis, and exercises he offers a new framework in which to examine our capacity to have significant impact on the world around us, and valuable insights on how to be effective.

2 Is he a motivational speaker?

Yes and no. David is trying to motivate people, certainly, but not to make more money, net more clients, etc. LaMotte is interested in engaging people who want to have a positive impact, but feel too small to make a difference, have grown weary of trying, or don't know where to start. He offers tools to help discern one's own calling to working for the common good, not simply for self-advancement.

3 Will we be brow-beaten by an angry activist?

No. David is a trained mediator and a strong proponent of civil discourse. Though he feels strongly about various issues, he does not advocate for particular positions in his talks. Rather, he gives listeners tools to discern what they are called to work on, and how to get started. David's message is encouraging, not guilt-inducing; empowering, not opinionated.

4 Who is this for?

David has spoken and led workshops at numerous colleges, civic conferences, faith gatherings and retreats, academic conferences, and in corporate and non-profit contexts. Adults, college students and high school students are his primary audiences, and he adapts his presentations for group size and other considerations. To discuss ideas, call (828) 808-5230 or booking@davidlamotte.com.



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