

Matt Glowacki's Technical Rider

Matt is not a 'Prima Donna' and strives to be a go along and get along sort of guy. He usually brings all the needed creature comforts with him and strives to not put upon people when he visits a school. But if you feel like you want to provide water for Matt, be it known far and wide, he is a bottled water snob. He likes AquaFina. I know it sounds stupid, but he thinks it tastes better. I guess he thinks other water, unless served incredibly cold, tastes dusty or something.

With low maintenance as a watchword Matt still does ask for a small bit of accessibility consideration. Matt uses a wheelchair 99% of the time. It is easier for him to use a ramp than steps. But if there is no accessibility to a stage that he needs to perform on, rest assured he will be able to handle the challenge. Matt might ask others around him to assist in carrying a wheelchair or related items from time to time, but realize he is a man and doesn't like to ask for help.

Matt brings a wireless microphone and music with him when he travels. He likes to be able to plug both into an existing sound system at the venue. Matt's mic uses a low impedance three conductor mic jack. Actually, don't be scared, it is the most standard and average microphone input on the market. And for the music, he is the IPOD guy with a cord that plugs into your system with a headphone jack type of thing (1/8 inch male stereo jack).

As he constantly strives to better himself and the program, Matt brings a PC computer that he needs to tie into a LCD (Type) projector. For the technical person who needs to know, the connector is a 15 prong VGA Monitor Cable which connects to the back of Matt's computer. All of his programs use a power point slide show in the beginning and some use visuals in the show. They are meant to educate and make Matt feel better about being in the computer age.

As for video and audio taping Matt's performance, no, not allowed. He is not trying to be a bad person, but sometimes when people tape stuff and other people get their hands on it without permission, bad things happen. Feel free to make your own Paris Hilton joke here.

If you, as an organization, want to offer Matt sportswear or related items in addition to the fee already decided on, please feel free to offer up any and all related products. He really does wear things and he enjoys the items he receives. However, in the past, some items were presented to him and they caused a bit of embarrassment to the individual doing the presenting. Socks and shoes are not a good idea, funny yes, but they tend to come off to some people in the audience as being insensitive to Matt's situation. Umbrellas are good for people, who walk around, but to a wheelchair user, it becomes a sail and Matt can only push around in a circle when he holds it. So once again, let common sense, enter the equation, and everything will be good. Just for the record Matt's mom did buy him a very nice hand carved footrest for Christmas a few years ago. She claimed she forgot he didn't have legs.

Finally, Matt has always wanted a pony. Yes a pony. He claims it is easier for him to get on from his wheelchair than a full size horse. If you're particular herd is depleted or non-existent please do not give it a second thought.