

Bio: Comedy in Motion with Bob Cates (Christian theme)

Missionary-turned-entertainer Bob Cates, is an award-winning clean comedian and variety artist. His memorable interactive comedy show includes advanced juggling, wild unicycling and balancing skills, black light laser effects, super memory tricks, illusion and an insane 21 plate spinning finale (using real breakable plates) that you will remember for a long long time. Bob Cates, a **Canadian Juggling Champion**, physical comedian and new vaudevillian comes from humble roots as a pig farmer's son. He was ecstatic to be nominated two years in a row for **Best Variety Act** at the 2014 and 2015 **Canadian Comedy Awards**. He was also twice nominated for **Best One Man Show at the Canadian Comedy Awards**. In 2016, Bob was awarded the national winner of **Entertainer of the Year** at the **Canadian Event Industry Awards**. The Canadian Event Industry Awards are widely acknowledged as the pinnacle mark of professional achievement, and the highest honour a Canadian event professional can earn.

Bob, a resident of Cambridge Ontario was twice awarded **"Best Entertainer of the Year" at the Molson Canadian F.E.O. Awards**. He won the Most Difficult Trick Award at the RIT New York Juggling Festival and has been a special guest performer at the Israeli Juggling Convention and several National Youth Conventions in the Canada and the United States.

Most of his performances are in one of three markets. Cruise ships, Corporate and gala dinner special events, and for churches and ministry events. He has headlined on almost every cruise line for 250 weeks over the last 16 years. When performing for churches or ministries he sometimes presents just the fun show, giving audiences what they long for but often never get: a clean amazing and funny show. Other times, when the event is an outreach, he speaks after his performance, clearly sharing the gospel.

Bob taught himself to juggle in high school and went on to earn a diploma from the Baptist Leadership Education Centre in Toronto and a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McMaster University. After graduation he was a missionary for seven months in Lithuania with IFES, the European version of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, and upon returning to Canada in 1995, went full time as an entertainer. Bob's wife Jane is a full time partner in the business and travels with the show, working both on stage and off, taking care of many things behind the scenes. Bob and Jane have a 6 year old boy, who has already retired from show business.

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