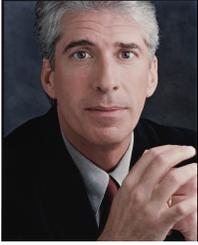


## Chris Bliss Bio



Speaker, comedian, variety artist, and Bill of Rights proponent Chris Bliss delivers intelligent and timely commentary about our world, in the tradition of American satire from Mark Twain to Jon Stewart. Jay Leno, who featured Chris repeatedly on the Tonight Show, has called him "one of the brightest comedians around," with the Washington Post adding that "if you're looking to laugh, you can't do much better than Chris Bliss."

Chris was also one of the first surprise stars of the YouTube era, when his "[Amazing Juggling Finale](#)" video went viral to the tune of over 80,000,000 downloads. The video reprises the signature piece of his early career as an internationally acclaimed variety act, when he toured with superstars from Eric Clapton to Michael Jackson. Its internet popularity included being posted by Ringo Star on his personal website, and resulted in British R & B icon Fatboy Slim asking Chris to star in his music video "Old Pair of Jeans", and to join him on The Late Show with David Letterman to perform the song live with the Paul Shaffer Band.

Chris's latest venture is the Bill of Rights Monument Project at [MyBillOfRights.org](#), a nonprofit dedicated to creating monuments of the Bill of Rights across America. Chris started the project after discovering there wasn't a single monument to this cornerstone of our individual rights and liberties. That all changed on December 15, 2012, with dedication of the Bill of Rights Monument at the Arizona Capitol, a historic first for the State and the nation. The dedication garnered national attention, with coverage in both the [New York Times](#) and [USA Today](#).

Culminating nearly seven years of hard work, Arizona's monument set the table for a national effort to bring the Bill of Rights to all fifty State Capitols. That effort received a major boost with the recent airing of "Let Freedom Laugh! - The Bill of Rights Comedy Concert" on AXSTV, Chris's first television credit as an executive producer. Taped in front of a sold out audience at the Warner Theatre in Washington, D.C., the concert was headlined by Lewis Black, and also featured comedy legends Dick Gregory and Tommy Smothers, as well as rising stars Cristela Alonzo, Ahmed Ahmed, and John Fuglesang.

Other notable achievements include Chris's first TED talk, "[Comedy Is Translation](#)", which has been viewed by over half a million people on TED.com, and invitations to speak at Images and Voices of Hope ([IVOH.org](#)), an annual summit of thought leaders from across the media spectrum that explores the impact of media messaging on societies worldwide, and [Chicago Ideas Week](#), a citywide event "about the sharing of ideas, inspiring action, and igniting change to positively impact our world," which has also presented luminaries from Bill Clinton to Tom Brokaw.

The through line connecting all these dots is Chris's passion for communication. Whether it's his unique approach to juggling as a musical art, his scathingly funny comedy about the absurdities of our modern world, or his commitment to spreading awareness of our founding principles, Chris Bliss is continually searching for new approaches to old conventions, and fresh ways of expressing them. The result is engaging presentations that inform as well as entertain.

One thing is certain. To paraphrase his write-up in the Washington Post, if you're looking to laugh *and* think, you can't do better than Chris Bliss.