

THE ACTUAL PRESENTATION

The Bernie Jones Assembly - K-6 Audience - 55 minutes
(adapted version for K-2 only audience - 45 minutes)

Johnny B. begins The Bernie Jones Assembly with a rousing boogie-woogie. This segues into an original “softer” composition which demonstrates the writing of a story without words. Johnny B.’s ability to control audiences of 600-plus students is legendary. It is immediately obvious to teachers that he has spent many years in the classroom.

Sharon then takes the stage with a dramatic reading from one of her 1950s-era books; *The Trouble With Bernie* or *Bernie Jones and the Blazing Bandits*. Johnny B. compliments the reading with special piano effects and music.

After the reading, questions are solicited from the audience. Answers always support the excitement of reading and the many rewards of writing. Throughout the show, emphasis is placed on the importance of rewriting.

After questions and answers, Johnny B. performs a well-known hit from the 1950s. He explains that Sharon and he will return tomorrow to autograph books and that interested students should bring the book-signing flier home. He then directs the students back to the classroom, snapping their fingers to the Pink Panther theme.

This up tempo program is guaranteed to hold the attention of all K-6 students. Johnny B. and Sharon have successfully presented to over 600 students at a time. If space is limited, we recommend withholding kindergarten classes until the next year, or having back-to-back assemblies for K-2 and 3-6.

“Whatever you dream of, do it a little bit each day and your dream will become a reality.”

The Bernie Jones books’ thirteen-year-old illustrator, Katie Miller, is a splendid example of this.

