



Gil Sperry is a modern-day Renaissance man who delights in entertaining and informing audiences through both the spoken and the written word. He has lectured internationally on subjects ranging from the pragmatic methods for dealing with our energy crisis to the esoterica of how to properly shoot free throws. His first book, “Mariachi for Gringos,” originally released in late 2006 and about to be printed in its Third Edition, is the basis for a television series currently under development. Presentations on ‘Mexico’s macho music’ have been given at colleges/universities, on-board cruise ships, at public libraries, on NPR, and at prestigious retail/book stores across the nation. He has emceed several major mariachi festivals in the United States and, as international interest in the genre has grown, recently been contacted about appearing at a mariachi festival in Japan.

His second book, “Soccer’s Story & A Futbol Fable,” released in 2009, is currently being adapted into a screenplay (“The Beautiful Game, A Beautiful Season”) by two veteran Hollywood screenwriters.

Sperry’s most recent creation is a fast-paced hour long presentation aimed at improving the literacy of elementary school children across the country; it is titled “How To Write A Book.” He describes it as “...a stealth attack to get kids to read by showing them the tools needed to publish and profit; they will take away everything that they need to know and need to do to get started, less than an hour after I get to meet them for the first time.”

His third book, “The Hispanic Heritage of The Foods We Eat,” is currently under construction.

Brief Bio: Gil Sperry lives with his wife, Priscilla, in Baja, where he enjoys the Mexican lifestyle, food, and music. He makes time to teach elementary school in Chula Vista, CA and is an avid sports enthusiast, fisherman, and jazz aficionado. He is a graduate of Ohio's Kenyon College and also holds an M.A. in History from Stanford University; this background, coupled with his extensive musical training, provided him with the expertise he needed to write "Mariachi for Gringos." His second book, "Soccer's Story & A Futbol Fable," combining the history of the world's most popular sport with his magical season coaching the Valle Lindo soccer team to the 2007 championship game at the United States Olympic Training Center, was published in late 2008.

His diverse background, prior to his recent career as teacher/author/lecturer, included stints as co-founder of a publicly traded (NASDAQ) lighting company, Executive Producer of the television series, "Surf and Shore Fishing The World," seen on both Outdoor Life Network and Fox Sports, and a head-to-head victory over Ted St. Martin, the Guinness Book of Record's consecutive free throw champ.

Gil Sperry's Pertinent Experience

- Author of the bestselling mariachi book, "Mariachi for Gringos," soon to be in its Third Edition
- Creator of television concept "Maestros of Mariachi"
- Emcee of world-class mariachi festivals:
 - 4th Annual Battle of the Mariachi, Mission San Juan Capistrano, CA
 - 1st Annual Queen Mary Mariachi Festival, Long Beach, CA
 - 12th Annual Festival of The Arts "World of Latin-American Music," San Diego, CA
 - 10th Annual 'Viva el Mariachi' Family Day at the Embarcadero, San Diego, CA
 - 5th Annual Riverside Plaza Mexican Independence Day Celebration, Riverside, CA
- Co-Producer of world-class mariachi festivals:
 - 1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Mariachi Festival, North Park, CA
 - 1st Annual Old Town La Quinta Mariachi Festival, La Quinta, CA
- Talent Coordinator/Consultant for all of the above events
- Presenter at these additional world-class mariachi festivals and events:
 - 26th and 27th Tucson International Mariachi Conference, Tucson, AZ
 - 15th Annual San Jose Mariachi Festival, San Jose, CA
 - 40th Annual Old Town San Diego Historic State Park Mariachi Festival, San Diego, CA
 - 25th Annual Mexican Artisans Weekend, Maloof Foundation, Alta Loma, CA
- Lecturer at these mariachi-themed venues:
 - Explorations Guest Lecturer...Holland America's MS Ryndam & MS Oosterdam
 - Scholarship At Sea...Princess Cruise Lines Dawn Princess
 - Baja Times' Fifth Annual Famous Baja Author's Book Festival
 - U.C.S.D: Mariachi & Folklorico Fiesta, Perks Coffee House, La Jolla, CA
 - University of Arizona's Integrated Learning Center, "Mariachi 101," Tucson, AZ
 - Western National Parks Association's 'Music of the Southwest,' Oro Valley, AZ
 - California State University-Northridge Chicano Studies Dept: "Mariachi 101," Northridge, CA
 - N.P.R.'s "Hear On Earth," "Mariachi 101, a dialogue with Ramiro Burr, syndicated columnist

Executive-Producer of "Surf and Shore Fishing The World", TV series seen on Fox Sports and O.L.N.