

# **YELLO! 2009      “Live Your Life”**

**June 8-11, 2009**

## **YELLO! Keynote Speaker: Kristoffer Olson**

Kristoffer Olson's quick-witted and self-deprecating character drives a show that plays like an earth-friendly hybrid of stand-up comedy and magic. His comedy credits include writing and performing for the Saint Paul Saints, the funniest team in baseball. Kristoffer has also served as a judge for the national magicians' competition! The comedy and magic flow seamlessly together in this interactive show, as the stage is filled with members of the YELLO audience!

### ***Part Magician, Part Comedian... Totally Himself!***

## **YELLO! Cap Note Presenter: Sheltered Reality**

**Sheltered Reality (SR)** employs the power of music to engage and motivate audiences to make positive changes both in themselves and the world they live in. Through stories of hardship and triumph, and a sequence of Steps to Success, SR teaches personal empowerment and character building, and then encourages the application of these abilities to its primary focus of advocacy for youth in crisis.

The group currently has over 300 members from Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Wisconsin, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Colorado, Tennessee, Utah, Kentucky, Illinois, Wyoming, North Dakota and Arizona!

### ***Music with Meaning***

SR's choreographed drumming provides fun and invigorating entertainment and it is rewarding for the performers when audiences enjoy their music. However, there is a deeper purpose within their presentations. Music is a universal language and SR uses this opening to speak to the hearts of audiences by way of personal stories and letters. These are not words about strangers, but of members of one human family, people that have displayed courage, commitment, and genuine concern for the welfare of others, even under trial. This process is meant to inspire all to not only become better individuals, but to take action to help others succeed in life as well. We all do have the power to make changes and to make a difference in the lives of neighbors, and thus in the world around us. This message is what gives true Meaning to our Music.

