

# DIRT: A one man show of substance abuse and choices

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## Actor reaches youth with one man show "Dirt"

What began as therapy for a broken heart has turned into one of the most popular assemblies for students across the country. Actor/Comedian John Morello considers himself a survivor of a high risk childhood. Having spent most of his life watching friends and family become victims of destructive decisions he responded by writing the one man show "Dirt". Not a

lecture or seminar, "Dirt" truly is a play of many characters all performed by one actor. With 15 years of stage experience Morello comically and effortlessly slips in and out of the characters to tell a story which is compelling, unique, and yet is unfortunately the story of far too many of our young people. Audiences are sure to see someone they know or can relate to and it is this cathartic recognition that has been connecting with young people across the country. Recently Morello's show "Dirt" has become the number one recommended assembly for young people by the New England and New Jersey chapters of SADD, MADD, and ASAP (Association of Student Assistance Professionals). "Dirt" is now endorsed for camps and retreats like TIGS, MADD Power Camp, and numerous peer mediation groups. The formula for this success is quite simple according to Morello. ***"Kids don't need flashing lights, cliches, and some huge circus production to connect with them. Like all of us they want honesty, respect, and someone who is real."*** As characters speak honestly about their experiences the audience understands how seemingly disconnected lives are indeed tied together and influencing each-other. In the end "Dirt" addresses the core reasons for substance abuse such as self esteem, depression, and a desire to find a purpose in this often chaotic life. Laughter and tears combine to tell a simple tale which will leave your audience spellbound and thinking about how much one single life is worth. Every student will be captivated and changed by this powerful performance. For more information, reviews, and booking information please visit [www.johnmorello.com](http://www.johnmorello.com) or call 413.267.5557.



### The Characters Include

- David: A high school junior becoming entangled in ecstasy and prescription drugs
- Jason: Every town's "stoner" who sees weed and his actions as harmless
- Melissa: A college bound girl who drinks "socially" and is now dealing with the issue of date-rape
- Hank: A 79 year old WWII veteran who reflects on his life, his choices, and his care for the young people in his life.