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Curley "Boo" Johnson

Travels from: Arizona/Illinois

Fee Range: \$5,001 - \$7,500

Curley "Boo" Johnson is a world famous Harlem Globetrotter who played 18 seasons from 1988-2006 performing his unbelievable style on all seven continents and 81 countries. Curley inherited the role of dribbling wizard made famous by Marques Haynes and "Curly" Neal and became known as "The World's Greatest Dribbler."

Curley was a member of the team that participated in the enshrinement ceremony when the Globetrotters were inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002. He was also part of the group that visited Pope John Paul II on November 29, 2000 in Rome. As a Globetrotter, Curley also has had the privilege of meeting Mother Theresa and South African President Nelson Mandela.

A native of Peoria, Illinois, Curley starred at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa where he became the first athlete to have his jersey retired. Curley was on student senate and the student representative to the college board of trustees as well as homecoming king. Curley did not just dribble through Dubuque, he earned a degree in marketing at Loras.

Curley was nicknamed "Boo" by his father, Curley, Sr., the first Black player to play for Bradley University who led them to a National title in 1957. Curley Boo has been inducted into the Peoria Sports Hall of Fame, Peoria High Hall of Fame, African American Hall of Fame and had the ultimate honor of having a street named after him in his hometown on October 13, 2007.

Since his retirement from the Globetrotters, Curley has been on the speaking circuit receiving standing ovations nationally. He has his own basketball academy and camp and trains some of the top names in the NBA. Recently Curley portrayed a sports agent in the upcoming motion picture "Midrange" and will be featured in the motion picture "Sweetwater" set for production in 2009. Nationally recognized sports journalist Chet Coppock is writing a book about his life story.

Curley has been involved in many humanitarian causes such as the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Family Rescue, Big Brother Big Sister, The United Way, Special Olympics, Make A Wish Foundation and the list goes on. He has been featured on ABC's Wide World of Sports, ESPN Classics, Larry King Live, Regis and Kathy Lee, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, Montel Williams and many others.

Most Requested Programs...

- Curley Johnson is a true American Role Model who leads by example. He speaks on topics of Achieving Goals, Teamwork, Peer Pressure while encouraging his audiences to strive for excellence and to "Never Give Up!"