

THE LISTENING PROJECT



Listening is Free: Lessons from Urban Confessional

For over 20 years, Benjamin Mathes has been a professional actor, coach, teacher. As an actor, he has worked with Academy Award-winning artists such as director Clint Eastwood and actors Alan Arkin, Sam Raimi, Bradley Cooper, Andy Garcia, Chris Rock, and producer Brian Grazer. He received his MFA in Acting from the University of California, Irvine. Currently, he is head of production for Seine Pictures, a film finance and production company in Hollywood.

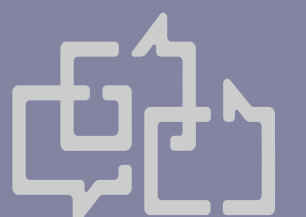
He is also founder of **Urban Confessional**. Started as a way to challenge conventional actor training, **Urban Confessional** is a community of artists who believe people should be heard. They stand on street corners all over the world with signs that say "Free Listening" — and you can imagine what happens next. Mathes is also the host of the podcast *The Heard* and author of *Short Passages on Listening*.

Mathes will be discussing what he has learned from **Urban Confessional** and the unintended benefits of randomly listening to strangers.

December 3rd, 1:30 p.m.
Gaylord Auditorium

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