

Billy McLaughlin, Keynote Speaker, has been changing people's idea of what an acoustic guitar can sound like since the 1980's. He is recognized as an innovative performer and composer who embraces the advantages of acoustic guitar amplification, unorthodox techniques and altered tunings while celebrating a gift for melody. His enormous yet fluid acoustic guitar tone has carried him around the world, to Billboard's Top-Ten Chart and most recently through a devastating medical disorder called focal dystonia. McLaughlin has had to re-learn the guitar left-handed and is in the early stages of what might be described as '*one of the great musical-comeback stories of all time.*' His story is the subject of an award-winning documentary film called *Changing Keys - Billy McLaughlin and the Mysteries of Dystonia*.

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