

Top Sport & Adventure Speakers



Scott Kress – Kress has a Masters degree in Leadership, is an Executive MBA professor and is one of the top leadership and team development facilitators in North America. Along with his business accomplishments, Scott has been climbing and guiding in the mountains for over 20 years. He has summited peaks in North and South America, Africa, Europe and the Himalayas. He is now in the pursuit of the elusive “Seven Summits”; the highest point on each of the seven continents. Only a few Canadians have achieved this to date.



Jeff Adams – As a three-time Olympian, five-time Paralympian, and six-time World Champion Adams has acted in television commercials, has been a global spokesperson for multinational corporations, and regularly works as a journalist and colour commentator. Adams’s message is pertinent to the business reality as it is to the daily lives of his audience. The themes that echo throughout his presentation are: having a message and keeping it consistent; agreeing on a plan and sticking to it; recognizing the excellence that surrounds us; and listening for and making the “sounds of support and celebration”.



Cassie Campbell - Cassie Campbell is a twelve-year veteran of the Canadian national Women’s Hockey Team, which she led to victory at both the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics. Bold, dynamic, and passionate, Cassie draws on her accomplishments as the captain of the gold-medal winning Canadian Women's Olympic Hockey Team to explore the themes of leadership, teamwork, and motivation.



Silken Laumann – Laumann is best known as the athlete who suffered a devastating injury just weeks before the 1992 Barcelona games, and then went on to win the Bronze Medal for Canada. She has captured the hearts of a nation with her story of determination and her warm and friendly presence. We know her as a medalist from 3 Olympics; as the 2-time winner of the Canadian Female Athlete of the Year award; as the recipient of the Lou Marsh award in 1992 as Canada’s top athlete and as the winner of the Wilma Rudolph Courage Award in 1997 – the first time the award went to a non-American. Silken travels the world to speak to people about finding their own courage and striving to reach their full potential.



Darryl Sittler – Sittler is one of the greatest players to ever wear the Toronto Maple Leaf uniform. On February 7, 1976, Sittler scored six goals and added four assists for an NHL record total of 10 points in a game versus the Boston Bruins at Maple Leaf Gardens. Darryl's place among the sport's all-time greats came in 1989 with his induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame and in 1995-96, Darryl was voted by fans as the centreman on the All-Time Leafs Team. With a wonderful blend of sincerity, credibility and wit, Sittler translates hockey stories of teamwork and motivation into a highly listenable and inspirational message for diverse audiences.



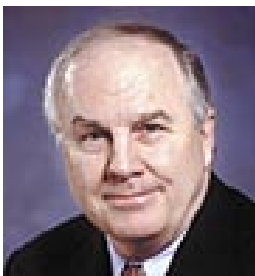
Cary Mullen - Olympian and World Cup Champion, Mullen currently holds the World Downhill Speed Record for skiing 97 MPH (151 KMH) down the world's most famous ski course in Kitzbuhel, Austria. Cary was a non-prodigy, an underdog, who placed last in his first World Cup race. He followed 5 key winning strategies to go from 'worst to first' and to ultimately become a two-time Olympian and World Cup Champion. Cary passionately shares his 'champion insights' around the world taking his audiences on an incredible run that leaves them energized and shows them HOW to WIN in their pursuit for EVEN Better Results.



Rod Black – Black is the voice of CTV Sports and TSN and a man for all seasons. From NBA basketball, the Canadian Football League and the PGA Tour to Major League Baseball and World Figure Skating, he has “been there and called that” for over 20 years. Still an active hockey player and recreational golfer, Black is an acclaimed guest speaker and emcee for numerous corporate and charitable events. He is a five-time Gemini award nominee and an honorary spokesperson for Foster Parents Plan of Canada, an organization very close to his heart.



Jim Ralph – Ralph is best known for his dry, self-deprecating sense of humour, and his comical impersonations of famous Canadian sportscasters, including Foster Hewitt, Danny Gallivan, Dick Irvin, Bob Cole, Brian Williams, and of course Don Cherry. As a guest speaker or master of ceremonies, Jim's steady stream of one-liners and comical impersonations have made him one of Canada's most popular speakers.



Ron Ellis - Celebrated hockey legend, Ron Ellis, combined skill and sporting play throughout his 15-year NHL career with the Toronto Maple Leafs. In his motivational speeches, Ron gets into the sense of the drama and passion that fuelled his years in hockey and how teamwork and working together are such an important part of winning. Great after-dinner entertainment for both hockey fans and those who wish they were! After his retirement, Ellis began fighting a battle with depression and has since been dedicated to mental health care and awareness.



Barb Underhill - Underhill's skating career with Paul Martini, over their 21 years of pairs skating, was one of tremendous highs and devastating lows. They were Canadian pairs champions for 5 seasons, World Pair Champions and 7-time World Professional Champions. In her speeches, Barbara takes her listeners on her personal journey of world acclaimed triumphs and devastating losses. Through powerful anecdotes and vivid analogies, combined with breath-taking video clips from her skating career, she shows how anyone can find a way, not just to survive - but to thrive, despite the difficult curves that life throws. Barbara presents on topics such as Achieving Excellence, Overcoming Adversity, Power of the Dream and Personal Success.



Shaunna Burke - Shaunna's passion for the mountains has led her to become the second Canadian woman in history to summit Mount Everest. Some of her climbing highlights include a successful ascent of Mount Elbrus, Europe's highest peak, and the difficult traverse of Mount Blanc from Italy to France. In 2004, she was a main character in The Discovery Channel documentary mini-series that was filmed on Mt. Everest titled "Ultimate Survival: Everest" and continued to make history by conducting her research while on the upper reaches of the mountain. Shaunna is an established motivational speaker using her experiences on Mt. Everest as a metaphor for overcoming the challenges of life.



Catriona LeMay Doan - After carrying the Canadian flag into the 2002 Olympic Winter Games opening ceremonies (her fourth Olympics), Catriona Le May Doan defended her Olympic title with a Gold medal performance in the 500-metre speed skating event, becoming the first Canadian individual to defend a gold medal at any Olympic games. She has twice been named Canada's female athlete of the year and received the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's athlete of the year. In 2005, she became a recipient of the Order of Canada. She was inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame in November of 2005. In addition to being a world champion athlete, Le May Doan is a talented bilingual, motivational speaker. Articulate and engaging, she explores with her audiences the method of achieving personal excellence.