

Best Speakers for \$5,000 and under



Scott Kress – Scott 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 – Jeff is a three-time Olympian, five-time Paralympian, and six-time World Champion. He 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”.



Sally Armstrong – Sally has the gift of touching the emotions of her audience through her stories based on her travel to many remote parts of the globe. Her stories combine humour, and the challenge of a deeper message revealed by an event or a set of circumstances. International audiences know her as one of the most compelling speakers on the platform today. Taking her message from corporations, to conventions, to classrooms, she is at home with people of all ages and all walks of life.



Maude Barlow – As the National Chairperson of The Council of Canadians, Canada’s largest citizen’s advocacy organization as well as the co-founder of the Blue Planet Project, Barlow works to stop commodification of the world’s water. She is also a Director with the San Francisco based International Forum on Globalization. Maude is the recipient of numerous educational awards and has received honorary doctorates from six Canadian universities for her social justice work. She has spoken to hundreds of conferences on the connection between human rights, social structures and the erosion of equality in the face of growing corporate control of our social, environmental and political lives.



Chantal Hébert – Chantal is a regular participant in television and radio current affairs shows in French and in English. Hébert penned her first book, *French Kiss: Stephen Harper’s Blind Date with Quebec*, as both a post-mortem of the Canadian federation that died on January 23, 2006, the night of the last federal election, as well as a brilliant examination of our changing political future, one that involves living with Quebec rather than just wooing it. Savvy and insightful, Hébert informs audiences on the subject of Canadian current events and politics.



Dan Needles – Needles is the creator of the popular Wingfield Farm plays and full-length stage comedies that have filled theatres across Canada and the United States. He is a winner of the 2003 Stephen Leacock Medal for humour for *With Axe and Flask*, the history of his mythical Persephone Township. He writes regular columns for two national magazines, *Harrowsmith - Country Life* and *Country Guide*. Needles has entertained corporations, government and public service groups across Canada for the last fifteen years as a light-hearted and humorous speaker.



Brian Dalzell – Dalzell has been described as a dynamic, insightful and humorous speaker who brings about understanding and offers practical solutions to solve today's challenging business issues. He is best known for his effective Sales Training and innovative and effective work in Performance Management and Coaching. He has also produced and hosted a long running four part series for television called "Job Search – Myth – Maze or Mastery".



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.



Gord Paynter - For over 15 years, Gord Paynter has been entertaining audiences throughout North America with his original brand of humour. Losing his eyesight in his early twenties as a result of diabetes, Gord thought his lifelong dream of becoming a comedian was gone forever. His lack of vision has not affected his perceptiveness. If anything, it's made him more perceptive, creating a unique style of comedy and motivation that never fails to leave the audiences laughing. Gord's unique ability to drop key company names and work situations into his shared stories and jokes, gives every presentation a fresh and personal feel.



Carole Bertuzzi Luciani - A dynamic speaker with a unique style, Carole keeps audiences engaged, enthused and energized. Luciani counsels people on balancing their lives, coping with difficult others and revitalizing their workplaces. She sprinkles each session with her infectious brand of humour, relying on the everyday trials and tribulations of her own life. Listeners love her, leaving her sessions with a little more spring in their steps and always smiles on their faces! Through her experience in education, recreation and health care, Carole successfully develops programs to meet the needs of each audience.