

Leading Female Speakers



Sally Armstrong - Amnesty International award winner, a Member of the Order of Canada, journalist, documentary filmmaker, author, human rights activist and presently a contributing editor at Maclean's magazine. Sally Armstrong 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.



Dr. Janet Lapp - Dr. Lapp has spent over 30 years in health care as a registered nurse, nurse manager, lab director and clinical psychologist. After earning a Ph.D. from McGill University, Dr. Lapp was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship, and she pursued a successful career as a clinician, researcher and university professor before founding her own leadership development firm. Dr. Janet Lapp is one of the most sought-after speakers in the world today, dealing with how to adapt to an information society, and how to develop the skills to thrive with change. Her energy-charged, exhilarating programs offer effective ideas with relevant and timely applications to lead people into the future



Maggie Milne Chicoine - Maggie is known for her expertise as a seasoned speaker and facilitator who relies on more than theory to get her point across. She has a reputation for zealous, interactive high content programs with a twist of ingenuity. Maggie understands today's perplexing tensions between our aspirations and the reality of being constantly connected yet strategically isolated. She has a knack for presenting complex theories in memorable and unique ways so that everyone gets it, and – guaranteed - no one sleeps during the program. Her topics include *Strategic Planning* and *Change*.



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.



Sharon Hampson - Sharon is a member of Canada's much-loved trio of family entertainers, Sharon, Lois & Bram, who have entertained families across North America since 1978. A three-time breast cancer survivor, Sharon Hampson's far-reaching career and life experiences are the foundation for her message. With her personal stories, Sharon shows how to use resilience and optimism as a springboard to success and happiness. For much of her life, Sharon has been singing her way into the hearts of families and fighting for the health of Canadian women."



Linda Edgecombe - Linda Edgecombe is an internationally renowned award-winning speaker, trainer and consultant. With a degree in Physical Education, Edgecombe's programs are about employee wellness and lifestyle. She was a consultant for PARTICIPACTION promoting healthy living to North Americans. She was most recently featured in The Wall Street Journal as an expert in "Shifting Perspectives". Edgecombe's audiences are motivated and shown how they can shift their perspectives on life, work and themselves. Change has never been this painless!



Carole Bertuzzi Luciani - As a former Director of Public Relations at a Toronto hospital, and through her experience in education, recreation and health care, Carole successfully develops programs to meet the needs of today's society. 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!



Dr. Sima Samar - Dr. Sima Samar is probably one of the most selfless leaders on the world stage today. Dr. Samar fled Afghanistan in 1984 after her husband was arrested and killed during the Soviet invasion. Since then she has been fighting for the rights of women and children suffering under Soviet repression and subsequent Taliban rule. In 2003, Dr. Samar was appointed chair of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission. In 2002, she received Canada's prestigious John Humphrey Freedom Award and in 2004 the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. Dr. Samar gained a medical degree from Kabul University and developed a passion for women's rights. Literacy programs established by her organization were accompanied by distribution of food aid and information on hygiene and family planning. Dr. Samar's message is one of inspiration and courage, particularly for women.



Cassie Campbell - 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. She holds an Honors Sociology Degree from the University of Guelph. A lively, passionate, and engaging speaker, Cassie Campbell knows firsthand about the key roles that teamwork, determination, and great leadership play in challenging times.