

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER

Mission Statement: To motivate individuals to achieve excellence in all aspects of their lives, no matter what their obstacles or fears may be.

...introducing speaker Stephen O'Keefe



Stephen's story is inspirational, and uplifting. In his life, he has had more life experiences and misadventures than most people have in a lifetime. He has traveled to six continents and 50 countries, and among other highlights, he got lost in an underwater cave in Australia while scuba diving, was gored by a wild cow in a rodeo, personally witnessed the fall of the Berlin wall, and bungy jumped in Zimbabwe. In addition, he loves challenges, both physical and mental, as he completed several Ironman triathlons (4km swim/180km bike/42 km run) and trekked across a Kenyan desert with camels. He also found time to obtain two university degrees, and was awarded the most outstanding graduating student, as well as the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award; he also has won several public speaking and stand-up comedy competitions. He was one of the first deaf lawyers in North America, led a community development project in Guyana, South America, worked as a management consultant, has appeared in the CanWest Vancouver Comedy festival, and is currently operating a successful international manufacturing business with his wife. He is also the subject of a CBC documentary, "In between the Laughter" which was aired nationally.

One last thing – he was born profoundly deaf, and the doctors told his parents that he would never speak. Guess they were wrong.

Stephen is a personable and humorous speaker whose unique story is inspirational. By drawing from his life experiences, Stephen will inspire you, and show you how to overcome self-imposed barriers. You will learn how to triumph over adversity, conquer your fears, and achieve your goals and dreams.

Key Topics:

- Never never never give up
- You are NOT unique nor alone in adversity
- The Future is Yours
- Communication Tips from a unique perspective

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