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Josh Linkner's Profile

Travels from Detroit, Michigan, USA



Josh Linkner

Keynote Speaker, Author, Investor, Entrepreneur

Josh Linkner - who started his career as a jazz guitarist - personifies creativity, entrepreneurship and disruptive innovation. He has been the founder and CEO of four tech companies, which sold for a combined value of over \$200 million.

Josh is the author of two New York Times Bestsellers: *Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity*, and *The Road to Reinvention: How to Drive Disruption and Accelerate Transformation*. He is also the Founding Partner of Detroit Venture Partners, investing in and mentoring over 100 startups.

Josh has twice been named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and is a President Barack Obama Champion of Change award recipient. He is a regular columnist for Forbes, The Detroit Free Press, and Inc. Magazine. His work on innovation has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Harvard Business Review, CNN, and The New York Times. And yes, he still plays a mean jazz guitar.

Deeply passionate about his hometown, Josh is playing a key role in the much-publicized turnaround of Detroit, Michigan. A multi-generational Detroiter, he is working on the front lines to reinvent his troubled city.

Bottom line: Josh Linkner brings a unique and diverse set of experiences to any project, and helps organizations drive creativity, innovation, and performance.

Specialties: Motivation, Peak Performance, Innovation; Creativity; Best-Selling Author, Leadership, Productivity

Target Audience: Conferences; Associations; Corporations;

Topics Include:

HARNESSING INNOVATION:

Turning Raw Ideas Into Powerful Results

As a four-time successful tech entrepreneur and investor in dozens of startups, Josh Linkner has seen thousands of companies loaded with creative buzz and big ideas. How is it that some harness their imagination to create game-changing drivers of growth and innovation while others miss the mark? The answer: The best companies have a systematic process to focus their team's creativity into practical outputs – something Linkner discovered by founding and building companies that sold collectively for over \$200 million. As a professional-level jazz guitarist, Linkner blends the improvisational qualities of a jazz ensemble with bleeding-edge business savvy to bring a completely fresh perspective on unleashing creativity in the organization. His inspiring presentation delivers practical tools that can be used immediately to increase creative output and deliver bottom-line results. You'll learn to:

- Use specific techniques to harness your most powerful ideas
- Apply creativity on a daily basis across all business activities and roles
- Break free from the three biggest blockers of creativity
- Apply best practices from the world's most innovative companies
- Avoid the five biggest creativity killers
- Master the three most powerful brainstorming techniques that you've never heard of
- Build a culture that celebrates fresh thinking and embraces new ideas

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Testimonial:

"Linkner hit the ball out of the park!"

-- Marco Forte, Vice President
ABC Television

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