

STAGE INTRO

Simon Keith holds the distinction of being the FIRST athlete in the world to play a professional sport after undergoing a heart transplant.

But while his remarkable story starts in a hospital bed and sees him make an unheard of comeback on the soccer field, his impact extends far beyond sports.

With relentless determination, Simon has earned an extraordinary reputation as an award-winning humanitarian, serial entrepreneur, executive advisor, and leadership development expert.

Not only has he spoken at the White House and been appointed to the prestigious Order of Canada for his inspirational advocacy, but he has spearheaded multimillion dollar turnarounds at multiple consecutive companies—tripling growth in the process.

His story is one of relentless determination against the odds, but it's also a reminder: that we each have the potential to become the greatest version of ourselves, if we only embrace the gift of thinking bigger.

Please join me in extending a very warm welcome to Simon Keith!

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SHORT BIO

Simon Keith is a keynote speaker, executive coach, business turnaround expert, and successful serial entrepreneur who built and sold four different companies in four different industries over a 15 year period.

A former soccer player, he was the first athlete in the world to play a professional sport after undergoing a heart transplant. He is living proof of how much leaders and teams can achieve, win, and grow when they harness relentless determination and an unstoppable mindset.

Today, he partners with companies to drive unprecedented growth by building great leaders who build great teams who build great organizations.

An award-winning humanitarian, social entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Simon is a 3x Hall of Fame Inductee, has been named Canada's Humanitarian of the Year, and is a Member of the Order of Canada.

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LONG BIO

Simon Keith is a keynote speaker, executive coach, business turnaround expert, and successful serial entrepreneur who built and sold four different companies in four different industries over a 15 year period.

A former soccer player, he was the first athlete in the world to play a professional sport after undergoing a heart transplant. Recognizing his passion for high performance, he turned his competitive spirit to the business world, growing and selling multiple companies, spearheading multimillion-dollar enterprise turnarounds, and tripling company growth. He is living proof of how much leaders and teams can achieve, win, and grow in business when they harness relentless determination and an unstoppable mindset.

Today, he helps companies drive unprecedented growth by building great leaders who build great teams who build great organizations. Whether he is supporting individuals, working with leadership teams to build high-functioning cultures, or helping enterprises overcome performance limits, he is uncompromising in his commitment to unlock your full potential.

An award-winning humanitarian, social entrepreneur, and philanthropist, Simon founded The Simon Keith Foundation in 2012, an organization that has raised millions of dollars for young people undergoing life-saving organ transplants. In 2015, he was named Canada's Humanitarian of the Year. In 2022, he was awarded one of Canada's highest civilian honors when he was named a Member of the Order of Canada.

He has shared his remarkable story at the White House, at the U.K. and Canadian Parliaments, on ESPN, in his book, *Heart for the Game*, and with audiences around the world. He has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *Sports illustrated*, *USA Today*, *FORBES*, and in numerous other media outlets.

Keith is married to Kelly and has three children: Sarah, Samantha, and Sean. He lives in Las Vegas, NV.

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AV REQUIREMENTS

Audio-Visual:

- PowerPoint slides will be provided at least 48 hours in advance of the event and should be loaded to the conference computer system and pre-checked prior to Simon's arrival -unless Simon is using his own laptop.
- Simon normally arrives one hour before his presentation for an A/V check, which must be done with attendees not in the room. Previous arrangements that have been agreed upon will be accommodated.
- Simon requires a wireless lavalier microphone for any group of more than 25 people.
- Simon requires a confidence monitor and countdown clock.
- It's critical to have a clear, well-lit front-stage area, as Simon will be moving around the stage for maximum audience engagement.
- Simon prefers the stage be free of a podium (center or side) however if this is necessary, please place it to one side.
- Tuck furniture at least 6 feet from the front of the stage if you absolutely can't remove it.
- To have the highest-energy presentation, a single screen should be off to one side or well above the stage, not center stage because the presenter is the focal point, and the slides are supplemental. It is preferred that there is more than one screen.

Scheduling & Logistics

❷ Because travel delays happen, Simon prefers to arrive the night before. Please arrange or recommend a hotel that's either at the venue or closer to the airport than the venue itself. Please book a non-smoking room on a high floor with late checkout guaranteed.

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Slides & Handouts

- Please note Simon doesn't convert his slides to anyone's templates. Templates aren't enthusiastic and Simon's presentation slides are designed to graphically supplement his verbal content and don't mirror the words in his speech.
- Simon's full slide deck is not available for download, or for publishing as notes or a handout, unless previously agreed to. If you need an outline of the presentation for educational certification requirements, one can be provided on the day of the session.
- Simon owns and retains all rights to his materials and content. They cannot be reproduced or distributed.

Recordings & Photos

- Feel free to take as many flash photos as you'd like before the talk, but please no flash during the presentation.
- You agree that Simon and his team have the right to photograph the session, as well, and use the photos online or in print.
- If we've agreed to permit recording of the session, plan ample time to test sound pick up and to verify that the sound patch doesn't interfere with the projection-output quality (sometimes an issue).
- Unless you specifically agreed to work it out, you don't have the ability or right to record and then resell or distribute Simon's talk.

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