

Story Power

with David Roche and Marlena Blavin

Offering participants the opportunity to:

- Find their voices and speak their truth with ease and presence
- Express their natural creativity in a supportive environment
- Experience the healing power of really being heard
- Enjoy the warmth of shared community
- Charm an audience with compelling stories
- Develop the core skills of authentic public speaking

In 20 years of performing and teaching personal storytelling, David and Marlena have discovered that everyone has a story worth telling. Their playful, powerful Story Power workshops, classes and breakout sessions are suitable for people with all levels of experience - from beginners with stage fright to professional speakers and performers. They tailor each session to the client's desired outcomes, and participants learn by doing and through modeling, coaching, exercises and discussion. Sessions are suitable for any group, including families, youth, self-advocates, seniors and organizational teams.

ABOUT DAVID AND MARLENA

David's face distinguishes him from all other presenters, motivational speakers and workshop leaders. What really makes David unique, however, is his remarkable spirit, warmth, wit and authenticity. David has transformed the challenges and gifts of living with a facial disfigurement into a compelling message that uplifts and delights audiences around the world. The story of his heroic journey from shame to strength has inspired standing ovations from the White House to Olympics Arts Festivals, across Canada and the U.S.A. to England, New Zealand and Moscow.

As a bodyworker and nutritional counselor, Marlena has been encouraging, supporting and mentoring people for more than 35 years. As an accomplished personal storyteller and co-founder of the Circle of Women storytelling group, she brings that same skill and passion to helping participants move into their storytelling presence and power.

Together, David and Marlena present *Love at Second Sight*, a program for adolescents about appearance, acceptance and diversity.

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WHAT CLIENTS ARE SAYING

"David and Marlena are powerful forces who show us how narrative builds our worlds, binds us together, and makes hope possible. They are gifted at eliciting and polishing the beauty in our collective stories"

**Gord Tulloch, Executive Director
posAbilities**

"We wouldn't dare host our annual retreats without David and Marlena. There is no setting, no situation, no scenario that isn't enhanced by their story power. They remind us there is nothing more ancient, reviving or harmonious than telling our stories to each other. There is magic and method in their presence. Suddenly you are spellbinding, funny, poignant and hand in the soil real. You leave satisfied yet wondering how they imagined that out of you."

**Al Etmanski author, blogger, co-founder
PLAN, social entrepreneur**

"David and Marlena have an amazing way of inspiring even the most shy participants to share their stories. I would highly recommend their workshop, both as an incredible team-building activity, and as a way to get to the heart of your organization's work: the lives of the people you serve."

**Erin Holland, Director of Social Networks
Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network
(PLAN)**

"Story Power Workshops are magical! David and Marlena's open, respectful, and inclusive attitude, and genuine interest in people create an environment that allows participants to find their voice and speak their truth in a way that is empowering and inspiring."

**Maggie Dixon, Communications Manager,
South Saskatchewan Independent Living
Centre**