

TIM & JUDY SHARP



If you're looking for the best break through motivational and inspirational speakers for your event look no further than Judy and Tim Sharp. Their perfectly titled book and keynote, *A Double Shot of Happiness*, has been captivating audiences everywhere.

Tim Sharp is the first person with Autism to have his artwork turned into an animated series and is an international artist and speaker who is best known for his creation Laser Beak Man. Judy and Tim speak together and share their incredible story of adversity, persistence, resilience, triumph, success and inspiration.

It is Tim and Judy's powerful past and their bright future that compells audiences everywhere to stand and applaud them. No matter who you are, or what you do, individuals, teams and organisations will walk away from this presentation with memorable messages and a unique experience.

ABOUT TIM

Tim and Judy Sharp are break-through speakers who share their inspirational story of how a boy diagnosed with severe autism went on to become one of Australia's best-known international artists.

At 11 years of age Tim created a superhero called Laser Beak Man and became the first person with Autism to have his work developed into an animated TV series and theatre production. Tim shares his sense of humour and unique way of looking at the world through his colourful art. His originals are in high demand from collectors and have been exhibited Australia and globally.

When Tim was born Judy quickly realised he wasn't responding like other babies his age. Yet doctors would not diagnose Tim with Autism until after his 3rd birthday.

Judy was told there was very little hope for Tim or his development.

Rejecting the prognosis Judy never gave up on her son and finally discovered she was able to open the door to communication through drawing. This discovery that changed their lives forever, in ways they could only imagine.

Tim has been nominated for Young Australian of the year and at age 16 he was the only Australian selected for the VSA (Very Special Arts) Festival in Washington DC. VSA was founded by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith - sister of President John F. Kennedy. The ABC's "Australian Story" covered this story and propelled Tim and Judy into the nations living rooms. 8 animated episodes of Laser Beak Man have been released and screened on networks within NZ, Australia and Asia. In 2012 a short film about Tim was shown at the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York City. His art has been exhibited at the Sydney Opera House and the National Museum of Australia, Washington DC and New York.

In 2014 Tim and Judy spoke at TEDx Sydney where they received the only standing ovation of the event. In 2015 they signed a book deal with Allen & Unwin and released the story of their lives aptly titled: *A Double Shot of Happiness*. 2014-15 Laser Beak Man found residency at the New Victory Theatre in New York with the Dead Puppet Society. There was great enthusiasm and support for the development of the stage show including support from the Jim Henson Foundation.

Laser Beak Man premiered at the Brisbane Festival 2017 to rave reviews and received 4 Helpmann award nominations. In 2019 the stage show tours nationally to Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney with future plans for overseas locations.

KEYNOTE: DOUBLE SHOT OF HAPPINESS

A powerful keynote from Tim and Judy Sharp that tells the story of how a boy diagnosed with severe autism went on to become one of Australia's best-known international artists and the creator of Laser Beak Man.

Their presentation features Tim's original artworks which are accompanied by stories of overcoming enormous challenges, to the recognition, awards and celebrity encounters, and everything else in-between.

Tim and Judy receive standing ovations as they share their incredible story of adversity, persistence, resilience, inclusion and triumph. As their testimonials show, no matter who you are, or what you do, people walk away from this presentation with a memorable and a unique experience.

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Testimonials

Tim and Judy were absolutely amazing our audience loved them. They both so lovely and easy to work with. The only Standing Ovation at our 3 day conference!
Family Day Care Australila

Captivating story delivered humbly with so much warmth. Impact on me was incredible.
QBE

Absolutely amazing, incredible people who never gave up when so many of us without barriers give up so easily.
ANZ

Naturally everyone LOVED Tim and Judy! Our attendees rated their session as excellent on our post event survey... we were captivated with every word
Event Manager Finance Industry

Our staff were so inspired by their presentation. It provided a powerful reminder of the power of the human spirit
Sanofi Australia

SPEAKING INTRODUCTION

Please ask your MC to use this short speaking introduction when welcoming them to the stage (not their speaking bio).

Tim and Judy Sharp's story is one of great love and inspiration. They are here today to share more about their incredible experiences and tell you about the other superhero in their lives Laser Beak Man. Please make Judy and Tim welcome.

AV REQUIREMENTS

Judy and Tim prefer head microphones or lapel microphones please.

Images of Tim's art + photos are part of the presentation. Judy can provide a USB of the images on the day and/or email to event manager if required prior to the event. Please advise.

Tim also requires a non- moving chair or tall stool.
Clicker to control slides.

Projection Screen, sound applicable for the audience as Judy may play a song to close the presentation.

We are not able to provide a copy of the presentation slides for any distribution due to the copyright on Tims Art work.

****No filming is permitted without permission from Judy and Tim. Please send request to your consultant if this is required - purpose of filming and where will it be seen and hosted****

BOOKS

Many clients find it of value for their audience to arrange a book signing with Tim and Judy after their presentation.

Signed books are \$30 per copy. A chair and table required for merchandise.

Judy and your consultant are happy to arrange this if appropriate for your event.