

# Shaun Derik

## Motivation, Performing Artist, and Advocate of "Using Your Indoor Voice or Voice Within"

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### Topics

- Goal Setting
- Influence
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- Personal Growth



### About Shaun Derik

For over 10 years, Speaker and Performing Artist, Shaun Derik, has dedicated his life to helping people, young and old, reconnect with their passion and go after their dreams. Through his dynamic message delivery, which is a blend of music and comedy, audience members leave Shaun's presentations feeling motivated and energized; as a result are encouraged to take massive steps towards the achievement of their life-long goals.

Shaun learned early about the power of a mentor and having that positive reinforcement of someone else's feedback. Shaun struggled through his grade school years, and like so many young people, developed a low self-esteem and turned to music as an outlet for his emotions. Frequently Shaun would stay behind after school ended, sneak into the music room and play the piano. One day the music teacher heard Shaun playing the piano; he let Shaun finish his piece and then came into the room and gave, what Shaun refers to as, "the greatest gift of all" a compliment that forever changed Shaun's life. As the "Speaker for the Dreamer" Shaun represents that support system needed to be triumphant and truly believes that with hard work and consistency, anything is possible!

Throughout grade school, Shaun studied dance and theater and after high school immersed himself into arts and entertainment industry, landing several commercials and producing his own stage plays. It wasn't until enrolling in a public speaking course in college that he found his calling. "I knew nothing would ever give me more joy than encouraging people through the power of communication." So, that is what he set out to do and has not looked back!

Shaun moved to New York City and founded Dreamsong, a production company designed to deliver inspirational and relevant content for today's dreamer. His most recent projects include the audio series, "Dreams & Detours" and the reality web-series "JourneyMe."

Today he spends his time traveling the world with friend, speaker and business partner Javier Sanchez, founder R.E.A.C.H. Communications, Inc. Together they've reached more than 500,000 young people globally.

### Select Keynotes

- **Dreams & Detours:**

On our personal journeys, we come across many paths. Some of these paths lead to a dead-end road and some lead to viable opportunities. But how can one tell the difference? Through music and dance, Shaun teaches young people how to not only ask the right questions but to ask the right people when it comes to their future. Through this interactive keynote, audience members will leave feeling challenged to:

- ◊ Use their own experiences to help navigate the roads of adolescence
- ◊ Create a personal road map that falls in line with their goals
- ◊ Implement and maintain positive habits to keep them on track

- **SAYING SOMETHING™ How to Live a Life Worth Talking About**

"Speaking is easy... but saying something is the hard part". Empowerment coach, Shaun Derik takes you on a journey into the minds of some of the most influential people of our time exploring the 4 traits that made them all famous; confidence, creativity, integrity and radical empathy. In this winning presentation, Shaun boldly asks "Are You Living a Life Worth Talking About" as he recounts his most burdensome years in corporate america and the painstaking lessons that turned it all around. *Saying Saying* is designed too push you regardless of previous doubt or failure - and will provide you with the tools to push harder than you've ever pushed before.

- **Use Your Inside Voices:**

“Use your inside voice” does not simply mean, quiet down and lower your voice it is a metaphor for listening to the voice within. In this presentation, Shaun explains the importance of what thoughts and voice to listen to within oneself. Through entertaining and amusing anecdotes from his most troublesome years in grade school Shaun will take you on a journey that will help you to:

- ◊ Recognize the importance of internal dialogue and positive thinking
- ◊ Learn how to quiet the noise of outside negative influences
- ◊ Gain strategies on how to reinforce the positive voice on the inside

### Select Articles

- [Photo Flash: Stars of HAMILTON and More Perform at 'Off the Kuff' New Year's Eve Blowout](#)

The star-studded soirée was hosted by nationally recognized motivational speaker and engagement expert Shaun Derik and TV/film actor and Broadway performer Ephraim Sykes (Vinyl, Leave It On the Floor, Hamilton). BroadwayWorld has photos from the event.

### Select Testimonials

“Having worked in youth services for over 15 years, I've seen individuals get burned out. For our Youth Empowerment Worker Conference, Shaun facilitated a workshop that left participants feeling excited, with a fresh connection with their organizations mission and purpose. Unanimously participants rated Mr. Derik's workshop the highest.”

– - Aleesha, MA Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City Associate Program Manager

On behalf of Virginia Union, I would like to formally thank you for speaking at the ABC Conference. Your presentation was interactive, informative, constructive yet entertaining. The use of your talent was mind-blowing. "We really enjoyed it and look forward to you possibly coming to speak during our Alcohol Awareness Week. Once again Thank you for everything!"

– Yazmean Reeses Virginia Union, VA