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speakers kit

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life. uncloseted.

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Rick Clemons makes ways for people to simplify life's most complex decisions in order to make their bold moves!

"It's simple. Be bold." he says. Or, as his alter ego and muse, Lemonodd-Pop, would say, "Come out with it, already, and just be you!!"



Rick gets that it is our boldness that keeps things interesting and inspires our finest display of who we are. It engineers cool buildings, writes music, disrupts run of the mill organizations, tells jokes, amps up our joy, and helps us come through the closet doors of life. Our boldness feeds our confidence when it is harnessed and put to use in the right way.

Rick has proven his ability as a boldness and coming out expert, by guiding individuals and teams to break out of "Can I or can't I?" Thinking to be fully self-expressed. "We're all hiding and coming out of something," he states. Tapping his intuition and professional coach training, he invites people to revolt against the pressure to think only in black and white terms, instead opening them to the spectrum of colorful possibilities of alternative thoughts for showing up as their most authentic calling.

From corporate teams, college and university audiences, to individuals seeking to up their personal game, Rick playfully, brashly, and

strategically nudges people to dig into the closets of their lives, using what's in their closets to get them out of the closet.

For Rick, "being bold" means creating a safe, stimulating experience to escape your bullshit, explore fears, and elevate your f*cking self-expression. Outside of the closet doors

Rick's humor, kick-butt attitude, and sincere devotion to inspire people to celebrate their authentic self wraps his community in a festive spirit of living Life. Uncloseted.

Rick knows the hard work of being true to one's self. He came out as a gay man at 38, with a wife and two kids, changed his career, became a cyclist, and began filling his purpose bucket as a "make ya think" Speaker, insightful Podcaster (Coming Out Lounge), heart centered Author, challenging Life Strategist, and provocative Blogger. He's proven his talent to guide people, regardless of sexuality, out of hiding, even if what they are hiding is their own brilliant boldness.

Rick is an inquisitive and attention-grabbing speaker, podcaster, author, who, "Takes you to the party, the pulpit, the wake and back to the party."

Learn more about Rick at rickclemons.com.

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WHAT WOULD RICK SAY? FRANKLY MY DEAR...

“I’m bold. So are you. We can hide our boldness or go for it. I chose to step into mine because hiding it didn’t work!”

Rick’s a former hider who escaped into his own boldness. He now uses the art of storytelling to guide audiences out of the chaos of their BS thoughts so that they can be who they’re meant to be!

Whimsical, raw, funny, soulful, and honest, Rick respectfully, and irreverently makes a pulpit call for everyone to cast aside what isn’t working, inviting them to step away from playing the same, same, same game to boldly go live the life they are intended without apologies

Rick playfully and soulfully guides audiences to revolt against the pressures of hiding their truth and cash in on their boldness, a hidden asset begging to be let out the closet...once and for all!



Rick satisfies an audience’s wish to hang on every word as the coming out authority on the Ricki Lake Show!



FOR RICK, **THE SIMPLICITY AND BOLDNESS** IN HIS SPEECHES & WORKSHOPS MEANS...

- Shining a spotlight on black and white thinking that keeps us from overcoming our fears
- Challenging organizations to live outside the box “What’s been done before”
- Implementing “Taking a stand” mindset when the risk is clear and the opportunity is a mystery
- Building confidence to silent the BS voices in our heads
- Mustering up the courage to elevate your f*cking self-expression each and every day
- Designing lives that explore uncharted territories - living, Life. Uncloseted.

HIS MANTRA...IT'S SIMPLE. BE BOLD!

UNCLOSETING CORPORATE CULTURE

TALKS

How about you shut the grumblers up on your teams and turn them into game-changing innovators. Then, gently invite the wallflowers, your real hidden leaders in the rough, to create innovative ways to produce exponential growth.

Finally, hunt down the creative wanna-be's who are too afraid to speak up, and turn them into your community managers and customer pleasers.

Turns out, this is all pretty easy to do with the people you already have on your teams. All you've got to do is bring them out of the closet and embrace the uniqueness they bring to the culture of your business.

They just need a little encouragement. You just want to thrive. Let's make it work. Shine a light on the awesome diversity and quirkiness of your organization. Use the human gold that's already in your hands. Mine it and make those quirks work!

This provocative, exploratory talk, takes audiences on a deep dive into the rabbit hole of "sameness for organizational sake," and challenges it. Challenges it gently while exploring the possibilities of playing differently in the workplace culture sandbox. The goal? Showcase the brilliant uniqueness of individuals and teams instead of letting differences trash your organization. Remove the suffocating constraints that disable innovation, cripple



collaboration, stifle creativity, and erode profitability by uncloseting the real culture learning how to add color to black and white thoughts, one thought at a time.

Strategy-packed and practical, this presentation is an inspiring "what your best friend won't tell you" chat, that shines a light on how to implement simple nuanced changes to leverage the quirks of your organization into a collaborative culture where employees aren't engaged, their excited.

COMING OUT AS AN ENTREPRENEUR

Who are you? An aspiring Steve Jobs afraid to let your introverted nerd shine? A strong female holding yourself back from breaking your own glass ceiling? A closeted creative hiding in the shadows of crunching numbers? A muse of your family's expectations still pursuing someone else's dream for your life? Regardless of the damn cubicle closet you're stuck in, the truth is, you just want to be YOU...a fully self-expressed YOU...making bold moves.

It's time to say, "Let's do it, harness the power of fear, jump into risk, kiss not good enough goodbye, and breathe new life into creating what you were brought to this planet to do. Your new tool kit? Confidence, authenticity, and brute determination – all at your disposal to become the entrepreneur you're meant to be.

Nobody is talking about this stuff in business school. Nor is anyone gutsy enough to draw the parallels between coming out of the closet to live your sexual truth, and coming out to break free from cubicle nation to be a successful entrepreneur. They're all seeing things through black and white, tried and true, yes and no lenses...up until now.

Rick opens up the closet doors, taking the audience on an eye-opening, interactive, and unique "coming out" journey where he dares to draw correlations between a sexual orientation coming out and an entrepreneurial coming out. Through the art of storytelling and practical wisdom, Rick lays out 6 simple, yet radical strategies for coming out of hiding to be an entrepreneur.

He challenges audiences to step bravely into their vulnerability, break through their complex "can't do thoughts," and to proudly discover their own personal revolution of empowerment for stepping out, stepping up, and stepping into living their powerful truth – living life uncloseted as an entrepreneur.



SEX POSITIVE, NOT SEX SHAMED – UNABASHEDLY EMBRACING SEXUAL ENERGY

We're all humans. We're all sexual beings. And, we've all be sex shamed from the moment we were told, "It's not appropriate to touch yourself down there!" Then, we hit college/university, and along with getting ourselves to class, doing our own laundry, and recovering from hangovers, we're also faced with moving deeper into who we are a sexual beings.

Do I put out, or play defense? Is my same sex curiosity a thing or a passing phase? Do the masculine constructs that I want to fight, make me a liberal, feminist bitch, or a strong, determined, female? Am I going along with my Frat brothers slut shaming as a bullshit way of proving my masculinity, or do I have the balls to be my own man? Regardless of the dilemma, it's time to man and woman up. Be your own sexual being, master your sexual energy, and stop shaming yourself and others with sex negative thoughts, actions, and words.

Frank, funny, and definitely talking the taboos – in a clean and respectful way – Rick approaches sex, sexuality, sexual desires, and masculine/feminine energy in a non-textbook manner. What everyone else is afraid to talk about, he's got bottled up in his trunk full of tricks. Straight from his gay heart, he bares his soul, journey, and insights – standing in his naked truth – about sex and sexuality and the joys of giving yourself permission to let your sexual energy prevail.

Provocatively he turns up the flames of authentic sex, sexuality, gender identity, and sexual exploits, mentoring audiences to have no shame or guilt in saying, "Frankly my dear I'm..." Audiences leave with a tool kit of sexual confidence that empowers them to do more than aimlessly sext their life away or hide it unnecessarily in their closets. He takes a healthy, no BS approach to killing the myths that sex is a dirty word.

REAL MEN DON'T HIDE IN CLOSETS

Men are the last to admit they're wrong, failing, don't know, or that they don't feel good enough. It goes against the grain of their masculine, testosterone driven nature.

Well get over boys...yes boys, and start really acting like men.

There's no need to cut off your manhood, or infect your masculine edge. What you're being invited to do is drop the facade. It's time to truly man up and become vulnerable, transparent, and just a little more sensitive so that you're true nature can shine.

It's sexy to be a leader with a heart. It's compelling to say, "I don't know," and to invite others to help you find the answer. It's ok, not to be ok, and let your emotions show. No longer is the barometer of manliness judged by your stiff upper lip that never quavers, the taunts you can take in the locker room about your man junk, the number of swipe right Tinder conquests you've achieved, or the revenue percentages you've produced.

Rick's guy-to-guy talk is brutal in a funny and loving way that points the finger of truth at what we guys all know, "Our manhood gets more abused in the head above our shoulders than the one between our legs." Breaking the mold on stereotypical masculine constructs, Rick invites men to get their feathers ruffled for their own damn good, drop the shields, and experience orgasms of new kind – seeing themselves for who they are without the complex bullshit of contrived masculinity.

Rick's three-step approach to creating a new blueprint for living – Masculine My Way – takes guys out of the batting cage, into the starting line-up, and up to the home plate to see if they have what it takes to hit a new type of home run for their life – being the man they're truly meant to be – no bullshit required.

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TESTIMONIALS

Only a select few speakers deliver performances, instead of simply speeches. Rick Clemons is one of those speakers... ahem, performers. He engages the audience with powerful stories, spot-on lessons, and his wonderfully unique wit. Compare Rick to any Broadway performance, and I would pick Rick Clemons every single time.

Mike Michalowicz, Author of Profit First

Rick speaks with such honesty and emotion that his message is felt as well as heard.

John Jantsch, Duct Tape Marketing

Rick has spoken on several occasions to my High School Sociology classes regarding his life and his journey. My classes are always in rapt attention when he speaks, and always give the highest levels of feedback. He engages with the students and they connect with him. He's a great speaker!

Greg Guy, Northwood High School

Be prepared; Clemons does not suffer fakers and he is merciless with hypocrisy. He has no time for pity. He just says find your Truth and your peace, be good to yourself and those you love, and get on with your life.

Don Fuller, PFLAG Speakers Bureau

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