Stage Intro

New York Times bestselling author Josh Linkner is a rare blend of business, art, and science.

On the business front, he's been the founder and CEO of five tech companies, which created over 10,000 jobs and sold for a combined value of over \$200 million. He's the co-founder and Managing Partner of Muditā (moo-DEE-tah) Venture Partners - an early-stage venture capital firm investing in groundbreaking technologies. Over the last 30 years, he's helped over 100 startups launch and scale, creating over \$1 billion of investor returns.

While proud of his business success, his roots are in the dangerous world of jazz music. He's been playing guitar in smoky jazz clubs for 40 years, studied at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, and has performed over 1,000 concerts around the world.

His experiences in both business and music led him to become one of the world's foremost experts on innovation. Josh is the co-founder and Chairman of Platypus Labs, an global research, training, and consulting firm. Today, he's on a mission to help leaders **Find A Way™** through creative problem-solving, inventive thinking, and ingenuity.

Proven business leader. Accomplished jazz musician. Globally recognized innovation expert. Bestselling author. Please welcome ... **JOSH LINKNER**.

