



(This is **not the Introduction**, please see [DarrenLaCroix.com](http://DarrenLaCroix.com))

## Darren's Bio:

He felt invisible in high school.

He failed as a business owner.

He worked in a cubicle for over a decade.

**Today he's a world champion speaker.**

What made the difference for him  
can make the difference for you.

## A Real-Life Underdog Story Filled with Humor and Hope

After a failed business in 1992, Darren LaCroix took the stage in a Boston comedy club and bombed miserably. It was horrible. The headliner that night told him to "keep his day job." Friends told him that his dream of making people laugh for a living was crazy and stupid. He didn't listen.

He may have been born without a funny bone in his body, but Darren possessed the desire to learn and the willingness to fail. These were the essentials for achieving his dream. This self-proclaimed *student of comedy* is living proof that *anything* can be learned.

Less than nine years later, in 2001, Darren LaCroix outspoke 25,000 contestants from 14 countries to become the World Champion of Public Speaking. He did it with a very funny speech. Some said it was one of the best speeches in the history of the contest.

Since that victory, Darren travels the world demystifying the process of creating a powerful presentation. His story has inspired audiences in 45 International cities including faraway places like Australia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, China, Oman, Malaysia, and Taiwan with his inspirational journey from *Chump to Champ*. He is passionate about showing people that if you are a sponge and have the right mentors, anything is possible.

Darren is currently the only speaker in the world who is a CSP (Certified Speaking Professional), an AS (Accredited Speaker), and a World Champion of Public Speaking. Darren always stresses, *"Don't go for the designations to get letters after your name; do it for the professional you will become in the process."*

He is the co-host of Unforgettable Presentations podcast and also the coauthor for two books, *Laugh & Get Rich* and the *Speaker's Edge*. Through his live workshops and online programs, Darren works with presenters eager to learn what it takes to connect deeply with their audiences. As the founder of StageTimeUniversity.com he shows presenters how to be unforgettable.