

HIGHLIGHTS

Five-time tech entrepreneur, hyper-growth CEO, *New York Times* bestselling author, venture capitalist, professional jazz guitarist, host of *Creative Troublemakers Podcast*, and keynote speaker on a mission to drive creativity, innovation, and reinvention.

SHORT BIO

Josh Linkner is a creative troublemaker. He started his career as a jazz guitarist and then went on to become the founder and CEO of five tech companies, which sold for a combined value of over \$200 million. He is also a deeply experienced business leader, venture capitalist, top-rated keynote speaker, *New York Times* bestselling author, and professional jazz guitarist. He is a world-renown expert on innovation, disruption, and hyper-growth leadership.

FULL BIO

Josh Linkner is a Creative Troublemaker. He passionately believes that all human beings have incredible creative capacity, and he's on a mission to unlock inventive thinking and creative problem solving to help leaders, individuals, and communities soar.

Josh has been the founder and CEO of five tech companies, which sold for a combined value of over \$200 million and is the author of four books including the *New York Times* Bestsellers, *Disciplined Dreaming* and *The Road to Reinvention*. He has invested in and/or mentored over 100 startups and is the Founding Partner of Detroit Venture Partners.

Today, Josh serves as Chairman and co-founder of Platypus Labs, an innovation research, training, and consulting firm. He has twice been named the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and is the recipient of the United States Presidential Champion of Change Award.

Josh is also a passionate Detroiter, the father of four, is a professional-level jazz guitarist, and has a slightly odd obsession for greasy pizza.