



Presenter Biography: Mike Cortese

Artist Management: Served as Director of Client Services and Special Projects for an Artist Management Firm in Nashville, TN. The organization provided career management services for clients whose collective career sales have exceeded (315) million records worldwide. The roster included Grammy® award-winning artists and producers, a Songwriters Hall of Fame Inductee, Multi-platinum recordings artists, a New York Times Best Selling author, and an Emmy® nominated composer.

Higher Education: Created and teach (3) courses for Belmont University where I give students and professionals the tools to retrain their brains to effectively deal with negative motivators such as fear, stress, insecurity, and ego.

Why I Am Here: I believe it is a leader's job to empower people to achieve the impossible. As a child I witnessed the dangers of substance abuse and untreated mental illness up close, and a number of the people are no longer with us. I take those experiences and use them to help others so their suffering will not be in vain.

The Power of Choice: Experience has taught me that...

- success, happiness, and mastery are a choice.
- every individual has a skill that can change the world for the better if they commit to honing it.
- if we want a better future it is up to us to create it. Let's get to work.