

# Geoff Knight

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## ***Tenor, Storyteller, Entertainer and Keynote Speaker***

Geoff Knight was born into adversity. His life journey has taken him from bullied choirboy to notorious bikie to international operatic tenor. It has been one of prevailing through perseverance, passion and practice.

As speaker, Geoff Knight is vastly more than just the story he tells.

His larger-than-life stage presence, authentic and vulnerable delivery, and compelling narrative connects deeply with audiences. The operatic interludes interspersed throughout his keynotes infuse the room with energy and delight.

He is utterly unique.

Despite being a seasoned and magnetic performer, his keynotes are rooted in real, lived experience that is readily apparent.

Weaving a tale of his journey on a road less travelled, audiences discover his early life as a bullied choirboy given little encouragement, to his time with infamous NZ bikie gang Highway 61, to international operatic tenor. The lessons learned are universally applicable and instantly relatable.

Deeply intuitive, empathetic, and self-aware, Geoff has the ability to work with your organisation to achieve your outcomes and can tailor his presentation to the needs of your event.

With clients including Harcourts International, Commonwealth Bank, Goldwell, Fuji-Xerox and more, Geoff's appeal is clear; he provides an extraordinary story delivered in an outstanding way that leaves audiences provoked, exhilarated and forever changed.

## ***Geoff Knight talks about:***

If failure wasn't a possibility, what would you do? Geoff Knight quite literally roars onto stage with an inspirational true story packed with hard-won wisdom for both leaders and individuals. As a former member of one of New Zealand's most notorious bikie gangs, Geoff was faced with a tough choice; continue on his path to jail or the grave, or to recognise and grasp his second chance and



take the opportunity to completely change his life's trajectory.

Now an internationally acclaimed tenor and keynote speaker, Geoff's sessions are compelling, moving, humorous and packed with valuable insights that will help you recognise those times in your life when you should get out of your own way, lose the doubts, and just say "YES - let's do it!".

## Client testimonials

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“ Looking is one thing, finding is the other. So when we KNOW a presenter who will tick AND kick all the boxes, then we ALWAYS book Geoff Knight. At 6 foot + forever and ridiculously good looking, audiences always sit up straight and start to listen before Geoff opens his mouth! His story is remarkable AND surely it can't be true ... And then he starts to sing! OMG, sing! Absolutely superb! He knows my clients names, he works the room and interacts, and he wraps our brief around his presentation. Talk about value for money. After each encore you just know this guy has blown open your event big time.

### - *DMP Marketing & Events*

“ We were thrilled to have you join us in Marlborough and you delivered a fantastic closing address at our conference. Not only did we have the opportunity to hear your very human and inspiring story, we were privileged to hear your wonderful singing voice ... You completely met my hopes and expectation as our closing speaker. As a conference organiser, the closing address to me is extremely important, it is important to me that delegates leave the conference on a real high. You succeeded ... your warm personality and great story enabled our people to really connect with you. As you know, there were even a few tears. Thank you so much.

### - *Conventions and Incentives New Zealand*

“ Geoff Knight was excellent in every way - catch-up, performance, presentation, topic and voice - all absolutely wonderful and we would have him back at any time.

### - *Gallagher Group*

“ We loved him. Geoff Knight's presentation exceeded my expectations. He really reached this audience well - some people loved his life story, others his wonderful tenor voice, others his gentle humour all wrapped up in what can only be described as a truly charismatic personality. The women drooled (including me!) and the men admired. Geoff set the tone for the rest of our conference time together, and had a lot to do with the great success of the conference, as after he gave his personal testimony, the other conference delegates were more inclined to be real with each other. Geoff was worth every cent and we are very proud of him as one of our own!

**- West Coast Tertiary Education Trust**

“ Motivational speaker and opera star, Geoff Knight held the 70 attendees spellbound with his inspirational and thought provoking keynote; ‘The road less travelled: A student’s journey - from Highway 61 gang member to international opera singer.’ Geoff’s message clearly demonstrated the influence we as educators can have on the direction our students take. The importance of valuing our students as individuals, respecting them and allowing them to strive to reach their potential cannot be overemphasised.

**- Ako Aotearoa, New Zealand’s National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence**

“ What an unbelievable experience it was as Geoff took our delegates at the Heritage Bank Retail Conference on a journey through his story of overcoming adversity and turning his life around. I know for a fact that they did not know where the story was heading, and were not expecting the story to take the turn at the end that it did. Geoff certainly had the audience captivated as his story unfolded, and the finale was breathtaking.

**- Heritage Bank**

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