

## **NATALIE SPIRO SPEAKER BIO**

*Team Development, Interactive Engagements, Motivational Speaker*

Natalie Spiro's keynotes are about creating a unified whole through appreciation and acceptance of individual thoughts, skills, and contributions. Her keynotes explore the unique voice that each person possesses and emphasizes the synergy that results from our unique collaboration. The abstract idea of engaging rhythm as more than just a metaphor to solve problems in business is not a new concept. It's thousands of years old. In Africa, tribal councils would meet and beat. They'd connect at that primal level first before approaching each other with speech.

Natalie has personally facilitated interactive drumming programs for more than 30,000 people. Her clients have been from every sector—tech, health, government, transportation, hospitality, education, finance, media, and telecommunications. She has close ties with some of the most powerful brands in the world including Google, Virgin Airlines, Microsoft, Intel and eBay.

Natalie came to the USA in 2000 from South Africa with a Masters Degree in Industrial Psychology and an MBA in Corporate Strategy and Marketing. San Diego was a far cry from her life in Johannesburg, but her insatiable curiosity and hunger to make an impact wherever she lived and worked led her on a passionate path to understand corporate culture in America. She held positions in top global firms within the financial services and hospitality industries, including holding a senior position at the corporate offices of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts.

Natalie's African sensibilities ultimately connected her back to her passion for community and collaboration. She became an owner/partner in the world-wide Drum Cafe organization in 2002— and from this point forward, Natalie's professional destiny came into clear view.