

## 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 has been the founder and CEO of five tech companies, which sold for a combined value of over \$200 million. He's an internationally recognized expert on innovation and is the author of four books on the subject including the *New York Times* Bestsellers, *Disciplined Dreaming* and *The Road to Reinvention*.

Josh is passionate about starting and building companies. He's the co-founder and Managing Partner of Muditā Venture Partners - an early-stage venture capital firm - and was previously the CEO and founding partner of Detroit Venture Partners. Over the last 30 years, he's helped over 100 startups launch and scale.

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 a recipient of the United States Presidential Champion of Change Award.

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