

Are there talented women in your organization who are hiding in the wings, hesitating to step into greater leadership?

Do you want to encourage the women in your organizations to increase their visibility and speak up more frequently in critical conversations?

Are you losing capable women leaders because they are feeling unseen, undervalued and unfulfilled?

TAKE THE STAGE! An Invitation for Women to Leap (not Lean) into Leadership.

As a presence and presentation coach and trainer, it's been my experience that too many talented women stay stuck in the wings—unnoticed, unexpressed, and unfulfilled. They decline offers to speak at key events, stay silent in critical conversations, and avoid applying for positions of greater leadership and influence. When they are not silencing themselves, they are silenced by others—either subtly or overtly—especially in male-dominated work environments. As a result, they diminish their impact, and the world loses out on their unique talents and perspectives.

My *Take the Stage* keynote for women (and related *Take the Stage* programming including coaching, retreats, and a book in process) was born out of my passionate belief that *we need more women's voices on the speaking platform, in the boardroom, and in the political arena.* Because if we, as women, don't choose to step up and speak up within the inner circles where decisions are made, those decisions will be made for us, not with us.

In this interactive, entertaining presentation, I reveal the seven-step process that propelled my shift from waiting in the wings as a frustrated actress to taking center stage as a touring singer-songwriter, presentation skills expert, author, and motivational speaker. I'll encourage leaders and emerging leaders alike to drop their coat of invisibility and boldly take the stage in their life and work, so they can share their valuable wisdom and big ideas with the people and audiences who need to hear them.



Is *Take the Stage* the right fit for your audience?

This program is perfect for:

- **Women in senior level leadership** who want to maximize their potential.
- **Middle managers and emerging women leaders** who aspire to positions of greater leadership and influence.
- **Authors , consultants, coaches and thought-leaders** who want to increase their visibility and impact.
- **Women's Organizations/Associations and Women's Advocacy Groups within corporations** who want to encourage their membership to LEAP in—not just lean in—to leadership.

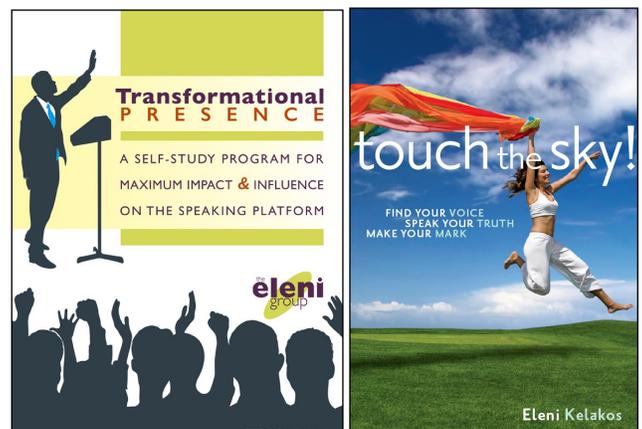
What will audiences take away from *Take the Stage*?

Audience members will:

- Learn the *Take the Stage Success Cycle*, a repeatable 7-step process to maximize confidence and visibility on public platforms and in the greater world.
- Examine the limiting beliefs that keep them from realizing their potential
- Pinpoint the next stage of their leadership development and what they need to do to step up and shine.
- Re-ignite the passionate purpose that drives and defines them as a leader and person.
- Increase their commitment and ability to fulfill their highest potential as leaders and human beings.

TAKE THE STAGE! is always customized to reflect your organization's needs.

Eleni is the author of the award-winning book *Touch the Sky!* and the self-study *Transformational Presence Workbook*.



Partial List of Speaking Clients

Inforum

MI Women in Finance

NovoNordisk (W.I.N.N)

Women of General Motors

Women who Fund Conference

Women of Thompson-Reuters

Women in Residential Construction

ASGE Leadership & Dev. Conference

Plante-Moran Women in Leadership

UM Med Women's Leadership Conf.

Allstate Women's Conference (AWIN)

Rave Reviews

"Rarely do you find a speaker who captures the attention of her audience from the opening of the presentation! Your emotional— and often humorous— presentation moved us to tears and inspired us to reach high!"

—L. Revenaugh, American Business Women's Assoc.

"Eleni is a motivational, entertaining, dynamic and engaging speaker guaranteed to provide a truly outstanding presentation."

— S. Jaksa, CEO, American Red Cross

"A perfect speaker to kick off our conference! People said things like "Best keynote in years! Fun, lively, uplifting, a riot... bring her back next year!"

—L. Ashley, CEO, MI Hospice & Palliative Care

"The professional wake-up call you need to step up and be the leader you know you can be."

—J. Abshire, MI Jaycees



More about Eleni Kelakos

Eleni is a presence and presentation expert, and the Chief Transformational Offer of the Eleni Group, established in 2003 in Ann Arbor, MI. She uses performance techniques learned over twenty years as a professional actress and award-winning, nationally touring, singer/songwriter in New York and Hollywood to help business leaders present with more authenticity, confidence and impact.

When she's not coaching individuals or facilitating trainings at companies like General Motors, Allstate, Little Caesar's Pizza and Kubota Tractors, Eleni practices what she preaches, firing up hearts and minds with her signature keynote presentations at conferences nationwide.

A double major in Theatre and Semiotics from Brown University, Eleni is a past president of the National Speakers Association of Michigan. She's sung the national anthem at Shea Stadium for three (winning) Mets games, and has produced four acclaimed CDs of her original songs. Her book, *Touch the Sky: Find Your Voice, Speak Your Truth, Make Your Mark*, was a gold-medal winner of the 2014 Global e-Book Awards.



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