

Tim & Judy Sharp

Acclaimed Autistic Artist, Laser Beak Man and Keynote Speaker

Mother and son duo, Judy and Tim Sharp are breakthrough speakers with an inspirational story like no other. When Tim was born Judy quickly realised he wasn't responding like other babies his age. Yet doctors would not diagnose Tim with Autism until after his 3rd birthday. Judy was told there was very little hope for Tim or his development. Rejecting the prognosis Judy never gave up on her son and finally discovered she was able to open the door to communication through drawing. A discovery that changed their lives forever, in ways they could only imagine.

Tim was nominated for Young Australian of the year and at age 16 he was the only Australian selected for the VSA (Very Special Arts) Festival in Washington DC. VSA was founded by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith - sister of President John F. Kennedy. The ABC's "Australian Story" have covered Judy and Tim's story twice, propelling them into the nations living rooms. Animated episodes of Laser Beak Man have been released and screened on networks within NZ, Australia and Asia. In 2012 a short film about Tim was shown at the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York City. His art has been exhibited at the Sydney Opera House and the National Museum of Australia, Washington DC and New York.

When Tim and Judy spoke at TEDx Sydney they received the only standing ovation of the event. In 2015 they signed a book deal with Allen & Unwin and released the story of their lives aptly titled: A Double Shot of Happiness. 2014-15 Laser Beak Man found residency at the New Victory Theatre in New York with the Dead Puppet Society. There was great enthusiasm and support for the development of the stage show including support from the Jim Henson Foundation. Laser Beak Man premiered at the Brisbane Festival in 2017 and then subsequently toured to Melbourne and the Sydney Opera house to rave reviews. The show received 4 Helpmann award nominations. And in exciting news, we hope to see Laser Beak Man hit the big screen. [Plans are in the pipeline...](#) watch this space!



Tim & Judy talk about

Adversity, persistence, resilience, triumph, success and inspiration

Testimonials

“ We had the pleasure of having Tim and Judy speak at our recent staff conference. Their story and the way they tell it is nothing short of inspiring. The unprompted standing ovation by the 75 attendees should express how Tim and Judy touched everyone. Both Tim and Judy are amazing, if anyone has the opportunity to hear them speak live or book them in for their next event I encourage it. The session was 11/10.

- AUSWIDE BANK - Head of People

“ 10 out of 10. Tim and Judy’s story of courage, perseverance and belief is just incredible. Tim’s artwork is beautiful, insightful and funny. We loved every minute and the team hasn’t stopped talking about it since!

- NORTHCOTT - Manager Early Childhood Services

“ Tim and Judy were absolutely brilliant. Their powerful story was a huge hit at our Mothers Day Lunch and I don't think there was a dry eye in the restaurant. A standing ovation from Eagle Junction State School.

- EAGLE JUNCTION STATE SCHOOL

“ Judy and Tim captured the audience from the very beginning and enthralled us all. Tears all round and I have been receiving positive feedback from all around Australia. Most comments were along the lines of “It was the best presentation I’ve seen”.

- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

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