

# 2026 Presenters



## **Andre, Jolana**

Jolana Andre is a master event strategist, hypnotist, and business growth mentor with over 20 years of experience designing transformational, high-impact events. As co-founder of Hypnosis World and a sought-after trainer and marketing expert, she has helped hundreds of hypnotists, coaches, and wellness professionals fill their events, elevate their brands, and expand their influence. She blends practical business strategy with deep insight into human behavior and lasting transformation.



## **Andrews, Sean Michael**

Sean Michael Andrews is a Master Practitioner of NLP, certified IMDHA Instructor, and Supervising Instructor for the Dave Elman Hypnosis Institute. Named the 2018 IACT Hypnotist of the Year, he has taught in 25 countries and is widely regarded as the “World’s Fastest Hypnotist.” A hypnosis researcher and black belt in Taijutsu Karate, Sean lives and practices in Central Florida.



## **Austin, Barbara**

Barbara Austin is a Board Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist and Certified Stress Management Consultant with a thriving private practice in Gilbert, Arizona. Trained through SWIHA and extensively educated in NLP, she facilitates workshops and support groups for family caregivers. A lifelong learner, Barbara continues to expand her expertise in mind-body modalities.



## **Ayala, John Paul**

John Paul Ayala is a hypnotherapist with more than 12 years of experience and a master’s degree in social psychology. Specializing in NLP and neuroscience-based methods, he has maintained a successful, client-focused practice since 2012, helping hundreds achieve lasting change.



## **Babineaux, Mark**

Mark Babineaux is an attorney specializing in general civil practice, mediation, and collaborative issue resolution. A Life Diplomate of the IMDHA and Master Trainer with the IACT, he teaches a variety of hypnosis curricula and maintains a practice supporting clients in overcoming destructive habits, building healthier patterns, and applying forensic hypnosis.



## **Bennett, Linda**

Linda Bennett is the Senior Curriculum Specialist and Hypnotherapy Program Director at the Southwest Institute of Healing Arts. A Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Board Certified Instructor, and Life Coach, she brings over 30 years of expertise in higher education and training. She is the recipient of the 2022 NATH Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2023 IMDHA Life Fellow Award, known for creating dynamic and engaging learning experiences.



## **Bernhoft, Ingibjorg**

Ingibjorg Bernhoft is a hypnotherapist, mediator, and experienced hypnotherapy trainer with a BA in psychology and a master diploma in positive psychology. She specializes in empowering clients and students through integrative, growth-centered hypnotherapy. Her work blends psychology and hypnosis to help individuals rise above challenges. She is a returning presenter at HypnoExpo 2025.



### **Bharadwaj, Vandana**

Vandana Bharadwaj is an endodontist from Mumbai, India, specializing in advanced root canal therapy, pain management, and patient-centered dental care. A certified hypnotherapist (CHI Gurgaon, IMDHA USA), she integrates mind-body practices into dentistry to reduce fear, anxiety, and treatment resistance, offering compassionate, holistic care.



### **Bray, Shawn**

Shawn Bray is Vice President of the Hypnosis Education Association and co-founder of HypnoBiz-in-a-Box™, a business platform for hypnosis professionals. He is known for building systems that help practitioners consistently attract clients and create sustainable income, emphasizing collaboration, integrity, and business success for hypnotists.



### **Chalah, Carla**

Carla Chalah is an award-winning hypnotherapist, integrative life coach, and IACT-certified instructor with over 15 years of full-time practice. Founder of Hemisphere Hypnotherapy and EveryBody in Mind Wellness Center in Massachusetts, she works with clients worldwide and trains new practitioners. Carla is dedicated to helping clients and colleagues create lasting transformation and thriving practices.



### **Covic, Sanela**

Sanela Covic is a Master Trainer in Transpersonal Hypnotherapy and Regression Therapy, founder of The Inner Arts Academy, and an MBTI® practitioner. Known for her integrative, trauma-informed, soul-centered approach, she trains practitioners globally. As Director of Publishing for the Michael Newton Institute, she supports editorial and research initiatives, including the release of *Finding Purpose – Stories of the Afterlife that Inspire*.



### **Day, Suzy**

Suzy Day is an innovative mind-body practitioner and the 2024 IACT Hypnotherapist of the Year. A Clinical and Spiritual Hypnotherapist with numerous specialty certifications, she creates individualized programs using holistic, integrative modalities to help clients awaken inner potential and transform their lives.



### **Dias, Maria Joao**

Maria Joao Dias is a hypnotherapist and Master Trainer certified by IACT. Since 2012 she has taught hypnotherapy to over 100 professionals while running her clinic, Hypnoblance, in Cascais, Portugal. Now releasing her first book, she continues to inspire others through the power of subconscious transformation.



### **Diaz Lymari**

Lymari Diaz is a philosopher, master hypnosis trainer, yoga teacher, and specialist in anxiety management with 14 years of experience. She hosts the Spanish-language podcast *Mi Dieta Mental* on YouTube, helping audiences understand and overcome anxiety through hypnosis-informed practices.



### **Donnelly, Lori**

Lori Donnelly is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Brain Health Coach (Amen Clinic), IEMT Trainer, advanced NLP practitioner, and Master Therapeutic Imagery Facilitator. An honors graduate of HMI's Mind-Body Psychology program, she continually advances her education and integrates top techniques into her client work.



### **Ellis, David Dean**

David Dean Ellis brings over 16 years of expertise in change management and business analysis. He holds degrees in humanities, an MBA, a Master of Laws, and doctoral studies in theology. Certified in Lean Six Sigma, Data Science, and Project Management, he blends analytical skill with deep academic training in his professional work.



### **Fraser, Ronia**

Ronia Fraser is a multi-award-winning Trauma Recovery Coach and Clinical Hypnotherapist recognized as a global authority on Narcissistic Abuse Recovery. An author and international speaker, she blends lived experience with structured, effective methodologies to help survivors rebuild mental health, confidence, and long-term well-being.



### **Gerey, Nicolas**

Nicolas Gerey is a Clinical and Medical Hypnotherapist, NLP Master Practitioner, and long-time HypnoExpo presenter. Since 2013 he has taught the SleepTalk Process, Five Love Languages, and parent consulting modalities, training and evaluating consultants worldwide. With a background in stage performance, his teaching blends depth, clarity, and humor.



### **Gilbert, Sherry**

Sherry Gilbert has practiced hypnotherapy since 2000 and is the 2016 IACT Hypnotist of the Year and 2024 Life Fellow in Hypnotherapy. A passionate teacher and mentor, she brings a research-driven approach to hypnotherapy, empowering practitioners with evidence-informed insights.



### **Granger, Sheila**

Sheila Granger is a UK Clinical Hypnotherapist best known for the internationally successful Virtual Gastric Band protocol. The 2019 IMDHA Hypnotist of the Year and 2021 UK Business of the Year winner, Sheila is a multi-best-selling author who continues to push the boundaries of hypnosis and business development worldwide.



### **Grant, Zoilita**

Zoilita Grant is an author, speaker, and Hypnotic Coach specializing in business and mindset success. With 35 years as a psychotherapist and 15 years as a hypnotic coach, she helps individuals and entrepreneurs remove barriers and cultivate extraordinary lives through practical, mindset-focused programs.



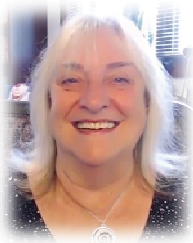
### **Guzzi, Rich**

Rich Guzzi is the creator of the Your Excellence System (YES) and CEO of HypnosisWorld.com. A dynamic trainer known for merging entertainment, education, and personal mastery, Rich designs high-level hypnosis training and transformational experiences that help people break autopilot patterns and activate their fullest potential.



### **Hammond, Lori**

Lori Hammond is a master hypnotist and Neuro-Consciousness Practitioner known for her heart-centered, science-informed approach. Creator of Trancy Tuesdays and developer of the Butterfly Blueprint and Breakthrough Artist frameworks, she guides global audiences into deep transformation using conversational hypnosis, NLP, and subconscious patterning.



### **Hand, Karen**

Karen Hand is a Board-Certified Hypnotist, trainer, and best-selling author recognized for her world-class communication skills. Based in Chicago, she works with clients globally and has earned numerous awards including the IMDHA Pen and Quill Award. Her books include *Magic Words and Language Patterns* and *Trance Dance*.



### **Hanson, Jessica**

Jessica Hanson is co-author of the IACT Trainers Manual, owner of a state-licensed hypnosis school, and creator of the TURTLE Trance-Formation Process. A protégé of Roy Hunter, she has practiced hypnosis since age 13 and is known for her passion, depth of experience, and love of teaching.



### **Hewerdine, Carrie**

Carrie Hewerdine is the founder and CEO of True Image Systems and a Board Certified Hypnotherapist specializing in empowering high-achieving, analytical clients. Using modalities including hypnotherapy, NLP, Reiki, and integrative coaching, she helps clients navigate PTSD, performance pressure, perfectionism, and complex emotional challenges.



### **Hoffer, Michelle**

Michelle Hoffer is a CHt, NLpt, and founder of Soaring Minds. A high-performance and executive coach, she integrates mindset science, behavioral strategies, and therapeutic hypnosis to help clients overcome toxic environments, trauma, and performance barriers. She holds a degree from Penn State and numerous advanced certifications.



### **Horton, William**

Will Horton is a leading expert in using NLP and hypnosis for addiction treatment and performance enhancement. With 35 years of experience, he has helped tens of thousands of clients and is known as the “Cowboy Doc” for his relentless dedication and pioneering work.



### **Howard, Luke**

Luke Howard, founder of LUKEnosis Hypnosis, is a Clinical Hypnotist with over 25 years of experience and more than 10,000 clients served. Known for his direct, results-driven approach, he specializes in complex issues and addiction recovery. A TEDx speaker and media-featured expert, he created the Straight Edge Protocol.



### **Hunt, Leslie**

Leslie Hunt is a holistic practitioner with over 20 years of experience. With training in psychology, hypnosis, energy healing, NLP, aromatherapy, and sound healing, she integrates mind-body modalities into her work as CEO of a health and beauty spa managing a team of 12 professionals.



### **Kaur, Jasmeet**

Jasmeet Kaur is a Clinical Psychologist with a PhD in Human Behavior and certifications in hypnotherapy and international counseling. Also a life coach and author, she blends evidence-based and holistic methods to guide clients toward emotional well-being, personal growth, and practical psychological insight.



### **Khetan, Shivani**

Shivani Khetan is a clinical hypnotherapist and expressive arts therapist known for integrating creative processes with deep therapeutic work, especially inner-child healing. An accomplished author with internationally exhibited art, she inspires clients and professionals through her innovative, compassionate methods.



### **Kun, Attila Janos**

Attila János Kun is a Clinical Hypnotherapist, psychology graduate, and Trauma-Informed Coach with over 25 years in mental health and integrative healing. Founder of the International Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy Academy, he holds advanced academic training across psychology, neurobiology, lifestyle medicine, and root-cause health coaching.



### **Laing, Karin**

Karin Laing is an IACT and IMDHA-approved trainer specializing in Integrative Health Hypnosis, Regression Therapy, and trauma-informed subconscious work. Founder of Aligned Academy and creator of the Karin Laing Transformation Method, she teaches internationally and hosts trainings and retreats from her center in Gozo, Malta.



### **Lavelle, Jillian**

Jillian Lavelle, founder of the International Association of Counselors and Therapists, is a global teacher, workshop leader, author, and business coach. She has dedicated her career to training therapists in techniques that empower both themselves and their clients.



### **Mau, Fredric**

Fredric Mau is a clinical mental health counselor and board-certified hypnotherapist in private practice. He has served as core medical faculty training psychiatrists and is a respected international speaker and author. He is currently contributing to the upcoming revision of a major psychiatric textbook.



### **McCool, Melanie**

Melanie McCool, “The Entrepreneur’s Hypnotherapist,” is an IACT Master Trainer with over 20 years of entrepreneurial experience. She uses neuroscience, money-mindset methods, hypnosis, and NLP to help clients eliminate self-sabotage, procrastination, and subconscious blocks for peak business performance.



### **Mikolajczak, Marija**

Marija Mikolajczak is a clinical hypnotherapist certified by HMI, AHA, IMDHA, NGH, and NATH. As co-owner of Artemisia Integrative Wellness Center in Connecticut, she provides private sessions, group hypnosis programs, and community education through multiple practitioner networks.



### **Mitera, Salina**

Salina Mitera is a photographer of 19 years and Certified Hypnotherapist who helps individuals build inner and on-camera confidence. Her workshops integrate psychological insight with practical photography skills, offering participants immediate tools for stronger presence and visual communication.



### **Moyer, William**

William “Bill” Moyer is a US Army–trained nurse, Board Certified IMDHA member, IACT Master Trainer, and founder of Life Matters Hypnosis Academy, Texas’s only IMDHA-approved certification school. A Grief Recovery Specialist and Stress Management Consultant, he also holds a 7th-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.



### **Natale, Nic**

Nicholas A. Natale is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Sex Therapist (AASECT), and Certified Hypnotherapist who helps individuals and couples achieve healthier relationships and deeper self-connection. With advanced training across sex therapy, spirituality, marriage therapy, and leadership, he empowers clients to access inner strength and authentic intimacy.



### **Oatley Hall, Denise**

Denise Oatley Hall is a performing artist, speaker, instructor, and award-winning hypnotist. Originally trained in stage hypnosis and now a board-certified Consulting Hypnotist, she has presented at major conferences and is an Amazon best-selling author known for her engaging, dynamic teaching style.



### **O’Connell, Timothy**

Tim O’Connell is a retired NYPD Sergeant and 9/11 First Responder who later became certified in Past Life Regression under Dr. Brian Weiss and as a Clinical Hypnotherapist. He maintains a private practice in Arizona and serves as a Hypnotherapy Instructor at SWIHA.



### **Peacock, Sue**

Sue Peacock is a leading Consultant Health Psychologist with more than 25 years of experience addressing chronic pain, sleep disorders, phobias, anxiety, and depression. An Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society and bestselling author, she is widely recognized for her clinical and academic contributions.



### **Popowich, Robin**

Robin Popowich is a Clinical Hypnotherapist, educator, and author with 20+ years in practice and education. Founder of the Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy, she is an advocate for trauma-informed care and a speaker at major conferences including HypnoThoughts Live. She received the 2024 Helpers and Healers Award.



### **Prakash, Sunil**

Sunil Prakash is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist and Trainer credentialed through CHI USA, IMDHA, IACT, HMI, and NGH, and registered with the GHR UK. He provides advanced hypnotherapy training and maintains an active practice integrating multiple international standards of care.



### **Reznik, Yana**

Yana Reznik is a pianist, educator, and hypnotherapist who teaches practitioners to integrate sound and music into hypnosis ethically and effectively. With 30 years of musical expertise and certifications in NLP, Integrative Hypnosis, and Somatic Therapy, she helps practitioners deepen trance and transformation through sound-based methods.



### **Rhodes, Brenda**

Brenda Rhodes, CHI is a veteran hypnosis instructor with 25 years of experience, author of *Great Relationships: Love Me, Love You, Love Us*, and creator of From Survive to Thrive, a training for supporting survivors of narcissistic abuse. A global speaker, she helps individuals and couples create healthier, more fulfilling relationships.



### **Rickard, Claudia**

Claudia Rickard is an Emotional Intelligence Development Specialist, award-winning Consulting Hypnotist, and multi-certified practitioner including Havening®, IEMT, and NLP. Creator of The Bunny Talk Process™, she trains parents worldwide in communication strategies that foster emotional safety. She is also a speaker and author of *A Parent's Journey – The Bunny Talk Process*.



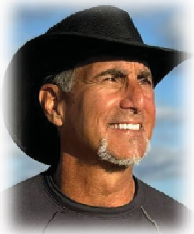
### **Rocki, Wieslaw**

Wes Rocki, MD, PhD, is a medical doctor, hypnotist, physiologist, and improviser with 40 years of clinical experience. His work integrates intuition medicine, spiritual healing, energy medicine, and trauma-informed psychosomatic approaches. His own cancer journey informs his unique, holistic perspective on healing.



### **Rosen, Eric**

Eric Rosen is a licensed psychologist, Adjunct Professor with the Florida School of Professional Psychology, and Master-Certified hypnotherapy instructor (IACT/IMDHA). He practices with Family Psychological Services of Palm Harbor and trains practitioners through the UpHypnosis Institute.



### **Roth, Steven**

Steven Roth is a retired dentist turned hypnotherapist, consciousness teacher, and creator of The G.I.F.T. Shift™. Nicknamed “The Soul Alchemist,” he blends hypnosis, neuroscience, and spiritual activation to help clients heal and expand consciousness. He leads trainings and retreats worldwide.



### **Russo, Giancarlo**

Giancarlo Russo is an Italian physiotherapist specializing in pediatric neurorehabilitation, functional rehab, and pain management. A pioneer of hypnosis in physical rehabilitation, he has practiced hypnosis since 1986 and introduced non-verbal hypnosis into university medical programs. He has worked with elite athletes and presents internationally on rehab-based hypno-protocols.



### **Sauciuc, Carmen**

Carmen Sauciuc is the creator of Feelfulness® Meta-Conscious Design, a methodology bridging somatic intelligence, symbolic neuro-patterning, and advanced metacognitive development. A board-certified hypnotherapist and instructor, she synthesizes the legacies of leaders like Jung, Erickson, and Damasio into practitioner-level emotional design and transformation.



### **Scott, Patricia**

Patricia “Patti” Scott is a Board Certified Clinical & Medical Hypnotherapist, NLP Master Trainer, Hypnotic Anesthesiologist, and President of UP Hypnosis Institute. Since 1992 she has taught basic to advanced hypnotherapy, medical hypnosis, NLP, and spiritual hypnosis worldwide. A former professional performer, she blends skill, experience, and creativity in her work with clients and practitioners.



### **Sheehan, Carolyn**

Carolyn Sheehan is a Medical Reiki Master and Master Clinical & Spiritual Hypnotherapist with more than 25 years of experience. She provides integrative healing through Reiki, hypnosis, and regression work, supporting clients in settings ranging from hospitals to dental offices and guiding profound personal and spiritual transformations.



### **Simmons, Don Reed**

Don Reed Simmons has been a hypnotherapist since 1993 and a teacher of shamanism, meditation, and elevated consciousness for more than 30 years. A visionary in human potential and current President of the International Sound Therapy Association, he works with clients from all walks of life and is globally sought for his counsel and spiritual insight.



### **Soria, Liana Xochitl**

Liana Xochitl Soria is a psychic guide, energy healer, shaman, spirit channel, and past-life hypnotherapist. She helps clients explore their spiritual paths, clear energetic blockages, and access insight and healing through shamanic and hypnotherapeutic practices.



### **Souza-Campos, Flavio**

Flávio Souza-Campos is a hypnotherapist with over 44,000 sessions and 28 years of clinical and coaching experience. With degrees in medicine, biomedical engineering, and philosophy, he integrates science, spirituality, and psychology into rapid, transformative work. He is the author of eight books, including an award-winning novel, and a ghostwriter of medical texts.



### **Stockwell-Nicholas, Shelley**

Shelley Stockwell-Nicholas is a hypnotherapist, trainer, columnist, and author of 27 hypnosis books. President of the International Hypnosis Federation and a Hypnosis Hall of Fame inductee, her extensive media appearances span major global outlets. She is known for her engaging teaching and lifelong contribution to the profession.



### **Thomson, Lindy**

Lindy Thomson is a neuroscience-based Clinical Hypnotherapist, speaker, and educator with the Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy. With over 20 years in health and wellness, she blends powerful therapeutic modalities with training from Cambridge University, HarvardX, PESI, and the Human Givens Institute, serving clients and students worldwide.



### **Thunberg, Linda**

Linda Thunberg is an award-winning Master Transpersonal Hypnotist and President/CEO of NATH. She specializes in addictions, pain management, and childhood chakra regression, teaching four levels of hypnosis certification and helping clients make profound life changes.



### **Tsai, Ching Hua**

Ching Hua Tsai holds a master's degree in physics and is a certified instructor in disability-prevention fitness through Taiwan Medical University. A fitness educator with the Ministry of Education, he completed his hypnotherapy training at the Zi-Kang Academy in Taiwan.



### **Turnbull, Dale**

Dale Turnbull is a Metaphors of Movement Coach and Trainer with 12 years of experience in change work. With a background in NLP, Hypnosis, IEMT, and Provocative Change Works, he helps clients explore the metaphors and stories shaping their lives, offering dynamic, perspective-shifting sessions.



### **Wackernagel, Jacob**

Jacob Wackernagel is a key figure at the Swiss Hypnosis Institute with over 35 years of experience in the Swiss Federal Customs Administration. A consultant and attorney, he combines analytical expertise with intuitive skill as a trained hypnotist, supporting clients with clarity and precision.



### **Wackernagel, Nicole**

Nicole is an internationally recognized hypnotherapist and trainer, with a strong medical background. Nicole Wackernagel is an internationally recognized hypnotherapist, Master Instructor (IMDHA/IACT), and founder of the Swisshypnosis Institute. With 16+ years of experience, she specializes in medical hypnotherapy, pain control, trauma work, and rapid change. She gained international recognition for facilitating a surgery performed entirely under hypnosis.



### **Waters Shankman, Beverly**

Beverly Waters Shankman spent her career in marketing and business development for major healthcare organizations before a near-death experience redirected her path. Now a SWIHA-trained practitioner, she offers HypnoFusion™—a blend of hypnotherapy, health coaching, yoga, and wellness—helping clients manage stress and improve well-being.



### **Watson, Michael**

Michael Watson is an internationally known Master Trainer of Hypnosis and NLP with over 45 years in the field. An IACT Educator of the Year and 2024 Hypnosis Hall of Fame inductee, he is a pioneer in online education and co-host of the IACT/IMDHA Virtual Chapter. His trainings are known for their warmth, clarity, and practicality.



### **Zak, Gila**

Gila Zak maintains a full-time hypnotherapy practice in Los Osos, California, and is known as a hypnotist's hypnotist. Creator of The Gallery Process and The Two Minds Technique, she is an HMI honors graduate, Director's Award recipient, and regular presenter at professional and medical organizations.