

Lindsay Shookus

Legendary Saturday Night Live Producer

A legendary presence behind one of America's most beloved television shows, Lindsay Shookus is a seven-time Emmy award-winning producer who, for 20 years, worked as a veteran producer for *Saturday Night Live*. During her tenure, as both producer and head of the talent department, Shookus helped engineer the show's success from booking and managing celebrity hosts and musical guests, to scouting rising stars to join the show's ranks. She played a pivotal role in launching the careers of household names, including Kristin Wiig and Kate McKinnon — cementing her reputation for having a sharp eye for talent within the entertainment industry. Shookus speaks to her own experiences to lead an on-stage masterclass on personal transformation, building connections, and embracing life's obstacles on the road to overcoming them.

Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), Shookus takes audiences behind the scenes of *Saturday Night Live* as she shares thoroughly entertaining and never-before-heard stories from two decades as one of the show's key figures. She masterfully weaves in thought-provoking lessons and actionable takeaways for becoming the best version of yourself, building lasting relationships, and becoming a great problem solver, while keeping the audience hooked as she reflects on unforgettable moments from her career featuring star-studded, up close and personal interactions with the likes of Kanye West, Jason Sudeikis, Betty White, and more. She's unafraid of being vulnerable and opening up about her own experiences overcoming failure and adversity in her career as a means of demonstrating to groups how they can focus on solving tough challenges and navigating through the obstacles of their own professional and personal endeavors. Shookus brings a unique blend of inspirational insight and authenticity to share relatable stories with messages that will spark action and remain with audience members for the long term.

Shookus also executive produced *Miley Cyrus' New Year's Eve Party*, was an associate producer on the critically acclaimed show *30 Rock*, and produced NBC's *Adele: Live in New York City* special. Her remarkable work has been recognized with seven Emmy awards and two Peabody awards. Previously, she was named one of *The Hollywood Reporter's* "Rising Executives 35 and Under" and has appeared on Billboard's "Women in Music" list three times. Beyond her work, Shookus is passionate about supporting the causes close to her heart. She is the co-founder of Women Work F#cking Hard, a women's community focused on empowering female founders and helping businesswomen develop their careers and advocate for one another. She is also a member of the 2022 Class of Henry Crown Fellows with Aspen Global Leadership Network at the Aspen Institute.

A master at winning audiences over and connecting with them from the jump, Shookus has been described as a speaker who can "light up a room" and whose talks are "powerful, electric, and memorable."