



### **Michael Gelb**

Michael Gelb, is the world's leading authority on the application of genius thinking to personal and organizational development. He is a pioneer in the fields of creative thinking, accelerated learning, and innovative leadership.

Gelb leads seminars for organizations such as BP, Nike, Merck, IBM, Microsoft, DuPont, and YPO. He brings more than 28 years of experience as a professional speaker, seminar leader and organizational consultant to his diverse, international clientele.

Michael J. Gelb's publications include *Body Learning: an Introduction to the Alexander Technique* and *Present Yourself! Captivate Your Audience with Great Presentation Skills*. His best selling audio programs, include: "Mind Mapping: How to Liberate Your Natural Genius," and "Work Like Da Vinci: Gaining the Creative Advantage in Your Business and Career."

A former professional juggler who once performed with the Rolling Stones and Bob Dylan, Gelb introduced the idea of teaching juggling as a means to promote accelerated learning and team-building. He authored "More Balls Than Hands: Juggling Your Way to Success by Learning to Love Your Mistakes," which was featured in USA Today .

A fourth degree black belt in the Japanese martial art of Aikido, Gelb is co-author with International Grandmaster Raymond Keene, of "Samurai Chess: Mastering Strategic Thinking Through the Martial Art of the Mind."

A passionate student of the Renaissance and the nature of genius, Gelb ignited the current fascination with all things Da Vinci with his *How to Think Like Leonardo Da Vinci: Seven Steps to Genius Every Day*. *How to Think Like Leonardo* has been translated into 25 languages and has appeared on the Washington Post, Amazon.com, and the New York Times best-seller lists. Gelb's book, *Discover Your Genius: How to Think Like History's Ten Most Revolutionary Minds*, was also featured in USA Today. Gelb's 2004 release, "Da Vinci Decoded," and his recent "Sounds True" audio program "The Spirit of Leonardo" tap into the seven Da Vinci principles outlined in "How to Think Like Leonardo Da Vinci" to show readers how to cultivate spiritual intelligence.

Gelb's latest book is, *Innovate Like Edison: The Success System of America's Greatest Inventor* co-authored with Sarah Miller Caldicott, the great grand niece of Thomas Edison .

In 1999, Michael Gelb shared the Brain Trust Charity's "Brain of the Year" award with former U.S. senator John Glenn. Previous honorees include Prof. Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates, Garry Kasparov and Gene Rodenberry. In 2003, Michael was awarded a Batten Fellowship by the University of Virginia's Darden Business School.



## Speech Topics

- How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci
- Innovate Like Edison
- Discover Your Genius
- Juggling Your Way to Success
- Mind-Mapping and Creative Thinking
- Five Keys to High Performance Presentations
- High Performance Leadership
- Aikido at Work
- Mastering Strategic Thinking
- Executive Renaissance Retreat