

# Hayley Podschun Speaker Assets



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### Speaking Fees:

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### Speaker Summary

Broadway Performer | Glinda in National Tour of *Wicked* | Tammy in *Hairspray*, on Broadway, and in the motion picture - alongside John Travolta, Queen Latifah and Michelle Pfeiffer.

Hayley Podschun is a Broadway powerhouse performer, screen actor, and who has spent her life in the spotlight—learning how to perform, pivot, and thrive under pressure

She brings high-voltage energy, heart, and humor to every stage she steps on - whether it's Times Square or a corporate ballroom.

### Key Speech Themes

- Inspirational/Motivational
- Resilience
- Overcoming Adversity
- Thrive through Change
- Peak Performance

## Short Bio (147 words)

**Hayley Podschun** is a Broadway star, screen actor, and in-demand keynote speaker who brings infectious energy, humor, and heart to every stage she steps on. From playing Glinda in *Wicked*, Tammy in *Hairspray* on Broadway and in the movie, alongside John Travolta, Queen Latifah and Michelle Pfeiffer, to guest hosting on QVC, Hayley has spent her life in the spotlight—learning how to perform, pivot, and thrive under pressure. A Kansas native who started working professionally at age 10, Hayley’s career spans eight Broadway shows, national tours, film and TV appearances, and acclaimed regional performances. Today, she shares the "Whatever It Takes" mindset that helped her succeed in one of the most competitive industries in the world—empowering audiences to embrace change, lead with confidence, and go after their biggest dreams with grit and grace.

Whether she’s sharing stories from backstage or lessons learned under the lights, Hayley leaves audiences energized, inspired, and ready to fly.

## Full Bio

Hayley Podschun is a Broadway powerhouse performer, screen actor, and sought-after speaker who brings high-voltage energy, heart, and humor to every stage she steps on - whether it's Times Square or a corporate ballroom.

Originally from Overland Park, Kansas, Hayley began working professionally at age 10 and has spent her career lighting up audiences with her charm, grit, and signature sparkle. With a résumé that spans stage, screen, and beyond, she’s known not just for her standout performances—but for her ability to inspire people to embrace change, face uncertainty, and step into their boldest, most authentic selves.

On Broadway, Hayley has starred in audience favorites like *Hello, Dolly!*, *Something Rotten!*, *Hairspray*, *Chaplin*, *Anything Goes*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Pal Joey*, *The Sound of Music*, and played the iconic Glinda in the National Tour of *Wicked*.

In New York, she originated the title role in *Freckleface Strawberry* Off-Broadway, and appeared in acclaimed productions with Encores!, Classic Stage Company, and The York Theatre.

Her on-screen credits include *Hairspray* (New Line Cinema), *Fleishman Is in Trouble* (Hulu), *Girls5Eva* (Peacock), *Louie*(FX), *The Blacklist* (NBC), and more. Regionally, she earned a Helen Hayes Award nomination and has led shows across the country—from *Elle Woods* in *Legally Blonde* to *Maria* in *The Sound of Music*.

Beyond performing, Hayley is a dynamic Guest Host on QVC, an event emcee for national corporations, and a passionate mentor and coach for the next generation of performers.

Today, she brings her 360-degree experience to conferences and corporate events nationwide—sharing the “backstage secrets” that help people lead with confidence, pivot with grace, and perform at their highest level, even when the spotlight’s on.

## Speaking Topic

### **Whatever It Takes: The Broadway Attitude to Achieve Your Biggest Dreams and Overcome the Unexpected with Ease**

Hayley Podschun has been a professional actor since the age of 10 and on Broadway since the age of 12. With eight Broadway shows including starring as Glinda in *Wicked*, two national tours, and film & television credits, Hayley knows what it takes to adapt and thrive through constant change.

She has mastered the "Whatever It Takes" attitude that is crucial to succeeding in one of the most competitive industries in the world.

In her keynote, Hayley shares the mindset and strategies that helped her achieve her dream of performing on Broadway, a feat few can attain. Drawing from her experiences in high-pressure, ever-changing environments, she reveals how embracing this powerful attitude allows you to overcome obstacles, tackle challenges head-on, and make your biggest dreams a reality.

Hayley’s insights will empower your team to take on adversity with confidence and ease, unlocking the tools needed to navigate obstacles and transform challenges into stepping stones toward success.

Whether striving for a personal or professional goal, this inspiring and high-energy talk will ignite audiences to adopt the Broadway attitude and achieve greatness no matter what it takes.

And yes - just like when she took flight as Glinda - Hayley believes everyone deserves the chance to fly!

### **What Attendees Will Learn from Hayley Podschun's Keynote:**

#### **1. How to mentally prepare for high-stakes moments before they happen**

Hayley shares that big opportunities often arrive without warning no script, no rehearsal, just go. Attendees will learn how to recognize those "one second" moments and step in with intention instead of hesitation.

#### **2. How to respond with resilience when everything goes wrong**

Hayley shares behind-the-scenes stories from her Broadway career, including what it's like to perform live when things go off-script and unplanned. Attendees will learn how to stay composed, recover quickly, and keep moving forward when the unexpected threatens to derail their performance onstage or at work.

#### **3. How to apply "The Show Must Go On" as a mindset for navigating uncertainty**

Hayley reframes this iconic phrase as more than a saying - it's a way of operating under pressure. Attendees will learn how to trust their preparation, stay present, and show up consistently even when things aren't perfect.

#### **4. How to keep showing up after rejection again and again**

Hayley tells the story of auditioning six times over six years for her dream role of Glinda in *Wicked* despite being told she'd never get it. Audiences will learn how to process discouragement without giving up, and how to keep moving forward with grit and purpose.

#### **5. How to adopt a "Whatever It Takes" approach to achieving big goals**

Hayley introduces the phrase she uses to power through challenges - "*Whatever It Takes*". Attendees will learn how to stay committed, flexible, and open to growth even when the path forward doesn't look how they expected.

## **Videos:**

Hayley Podschun-WHATEVER IT TAKES keynote segment:

<https://vimeo.com/1104469645>

Hayley Podschun-Whatever It Takes: Committing Through the

Unknown: <https://vimeo.com/1104471759>

Hayley Podschun-The importance of "READINESS": <https://vimeo.com/1104475799>

Hayley Podschun-The Power of "Flexibility" to adapt, improvise, and roll with the unexpected: <https://vimeo.com/1104489545>

Hayley Podschun-Whatever it Takes: Be tenacious - don't give up!:  
<https://vimeo.com/1104489560>

## Photos:

[Hayley Podschun Headshot](#)

[Hayley Podschun Photo 2](#)

[Hayley Podschun Photo 3](#)

## A/V, Stage and Green Room Requirements

1. If there is not an onsite A/V team please let us know.
2. Headset is preference or Lavalier mic if headset is not available. Please make sure you have brand new batteries and no handheld mics please.
3. Speaker will need the client to provide everything needed to run the PowerPoint presentation including a computer and all connecting cables.
4. Computer to run PowerPoint slides.  
Speaker will provide a link to his presentation slides in PowerPoint in advance and will bring it on a thumb drive as a backup
5. 1 - 2 screens minimum to display PowerPoint
6. 1-Confidence Monitor (if not available – just let us know in advance)
7. Clicker to be able to advance slides (make sure it has fresh batteries)
8. For Green Room: Bottled Water
9. For Stage: Stage setup to enable freedom of movement and will need a bottle of water on stage.

## Stage Introduction

**Name Pronunciation:** “Hay-lee Puh-choon”

***Please read the following:***

Have you ever had a dream so big it scared you?

One that made your heart race and your knees shake?

And yet, something inside you whispered, “Go for it”?

Our next speaker knows that feeling all too well.  
She took her biggest dream - starring on Broadway - and made it real. Not just once, but over and over again. And now?

She's on a mission to help you do the same - by teaching you how to harness the unstoppable mindset, relentless energy, and show-stopping presence of a Broadway performer.

From center stage to sold-out workshops, She's helped high-achievers, visionaries, and creatives step into the spotlight of their own dreams.

So if you're ready to stop playing small and finally claim your leading role in life...

Please help me welcome the unstoppable, the magnetic, the one and only Hayley Podschun!

## Testimonials

"It's not every day you get to say that Glinda the Good Witch from Wicked was your keynote speaker... but we did. And Hayley Podschun was pure magic.

A Broadway and screen powerhouse, Hayley brought charm, energy, and wisdom to the stage—but what truly resonated was her story of determination.

She auditioned for the role of Glinda six times over several years. She didn't give up. She knew the role was meant for her—and on the sixth try, she got the call.

Her message? Do whatever it takes.

Whether you're onstage, backstage, or navigating your own career path—show up, stay ready, and keep going.

Hayley reminded us that resilience isn't about avoiding rejection or setbacks—it's about pushing through them. It's about hard work, heart, and believing in yourself even when the answer is "not yet."

Thank you, Hayley, for your honesty, humour, and for reminding us that with grit and grace, we really can step into the roles we were born to play. - **Joanne Henry, Account Executive, Conference Direct**

**Full LinkedIn Post here:**

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/joanne-henry-71b3a55\\_keynotespeaker-leadership-resilience-activity-7351218577011593220-iCQb/?utm\\_medium=ios\\_app&rcm=ACoAAAzWnyQBRTBZR98eflFzNvKHCcPMOB6qoDM&utm\\_source=social\\_share\\_send&utm\\_campaign=messages](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/joanne-henry-71b3a55_keynotespeaker-leadership-resilience-activity-7351218577011593220-iCQb/?utm_medium=ios_app&rcm=ACoAAAzWnyQBRTBZR98eflFzNvKHCcPMOB6qoDM&utm_source=social_share_send&utm_campaign=messages)