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## David Adje

Food Network Celebrity Chef  
*Motivating in Tough Times*,  
*Deconstructing the Dish: an Evening with Chef David Adje*

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"The best chefs," David Adje believes, "are great communicators." A Food Network superstar, Adje is an acclaimed chef whose entrepreneurial chops and tough love approach (he's often dubbed "Canada's Gordon Ramsay") have made him a resounding success in the restaurant business, on television, and in front of live audiences across North America.

David Adje may be best known for his star turn on *Restaurant Makeover*, the hit show where he reinvents struggling restaurants, helping owners revive their menus and, often, their sense of hope. The transformative insight -- and the sheer joy and fun he brings to each business--could not come from a more qualified person.

A global soul, Adje is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, has apprenticed with master chefs in Italy, was named Best New Chef in California by *Frommers*, ran a top kitchen in New York, owned his own acclaimed restaurant, competed on *Iron Chef America*, and was the personal chef to Dan Aykroyd, who calls him "a genius culinary talent." Adje has also starred in his own Absolut Ad, appeared on *The Tonight Show*, and written a bestselling book, *Deconstructing the Dish*. His new series, *The Opener*, to debut in 2010, will air throughout North America, making him the only Canadian Food Network star with his own hour show.

### David Adje Speech Topics

#### *Motivating in Tough Times*

In a fresh talk, ripe for the times, David Adje shows you how to get employees working harmoniously and at full capacity, day in and day out, even when times are tough. On *Restaurant Makeover* he helps restaurants, on the brink of financial collapse, spring back to life. And, with decades' of experience in the restaurant industry, he has learned what it takes to motivate a staggering variety of employees -- veterans and part-timers of every gender, race, and socio-economic background -- to work harmoniously. He'll show you how to manage egos and logistics, and how to find -- and nurture -- the seed of something great in each employee. With unforgettable charisma, he offers practical lessons on creating a hugely fulfilling, and profitable, work environment.

#### *Deconstructing the Dish: an Evening with Chef David Adje*

A magnetic personality on stage, Adje has a passion for food and life that is simply infectious. He shares his personal journey, from growing up in a rough part of Toronto to graduating from the Culinary Institute of America to earning worldwide culinary success. Combined with kitchen tips, anecdotes, and a rare look at what it takes to be a celebrity chef, Adje's talks are perfect for foodies and casual eaters alike.

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*Workforce Makeover: Inspiring a Younger Generation of Workers*

David Adjey has worked closely with hundreds of young people -- getting to know what they value, and how to motivate them. Listen to them, on their terms, he advises. Solicit their advice, add creative elements, involve them in collaboration. When you give them the acknowledgement they need, he shows you, they will excel at their jobs.