



# The Gary Stager Difference

*Gary Stager is a unique speaker who never fails to entertain, inform, and inspire. Gary's offers a unique combination of intellect and wit that provokes conversation and smiles alike. He is a committed educator who comes to a conference ready to roll up his sleeves and work. Gary can have audiences on their feet cheering at a keynote and a half hour later be fielding questions and presenting his latest ideas in a breakout session or at a conference reception. He is straight talking, fearless, and a visionary educational leader who 'tells it as it is'. Gary's presence has always brought our conference to another, higher, level.*

*- Pete Reilly, President New York State Association for Computers & Technology in Education*

## **Gary S. Stager, Ph.D.**

Sine 1982, Gary Stager, an internationally recognized educator, speaker and consultant, has helped learners of all ages on six continents embrace the power of computers as intellectual laboratories and vehicles for self-expression. He led professional development in the world's first laptop schools (1990), has designed online graduate school programs since the mid-90s, was a collaborator in the MIT Media Lab's Future of Learning Group and a member of the One Laptop Per Child Foundation's Learning Team. Stager's doctoral research involved the creation a high-tech alternative learning environment for incarcerated at-risk teens. Recent work includes teaching in and mentoring some of Australia's "most troubled" public schools. Gary was Senior Editor of *District Administration Magazine*, Past-Editor of *The Pulse: Education's Place for Debate* and Visiting Professor at Pepperdine University. Dr. Stager is the Executive Director of The Constructivist Consortium. In 1999, *Converge Magazine* named Gary a "shaper of our future and inventor of our destiny." The National School Boards Association recognized Dr. Stager with the distinction of "20 Leaders to Watch" in 2007. *Tech and Learning Magazine* named Gary "one of today's 30 most influential educators."

Gary was the new media producer for *The Brian Lynch/Eddie Palmieri Project - Simpatío*, 2007 Grammy Award Winner for Best Latin Jazz Album of the Year. He is also a contributor to The Huffington Post and Good Magazine. Dr. Stager was a keynote speaker at NECC 2009, New Zealand's uLearn '09 conference, 2010 ICT Qatar Annual Conference & 2010 Australian Conference on Educational Computing.

*Any conference seeking a keynote speaker to provoke its attendees to think deeply about authentic learning and inspired teaching should get in line to request Dr. Gary Stager. He sees through the No Child Left Behind fog with laser vision with eye-opening suggestions on how to truly engage and challenge learners. Having seen Gary work with children around the world, I can attest that Gary is a true champion of children.*

*- Peter H. Reynolds – Award-winning author, illustrator, animator & software developer*

## **Refreshing, Relevant & Realistic**

Dr. Stager's popular keynote presentations & workshops are unique in the following ways:

- rooted in classroom practice
- provocative video-based examples of student learning
- inspirational, humorous & entertaining
- provocative & fearless
- supported by evidence and research
- connected to powerful ideas and leading thinkers
- based on first-hand experience over more than 28 years
- the speaker "walks the talk"

*Gary is an outstanding educator who makes a powerful impact on teachers, parents and students. Gary worked with our school for five days. During that time, I was able to observe him leading faculty meetings, facilitating parent question and answer sessions and working with students in whole class settings. In each case, Gary provided quality instruction, insight and modeling of effective practices. He was able to quickly identify our specific needs and tailored his workshops and interactions accordingly. Gary is an enthusiastic, committed practitioner who challenges the status quo in a manner that promotes inquiry, reflection and substantive change. Gary keeps student learning as his central focus and left our teachers, students and parents energized and motivated to expand their view of how the learning environment can be restructured to improve engagement, motivation and achievement. Overall, it was an outstanding week and we appreciated all that Gary had to offer.*

*- Lisa Mireles, Assistant Superintendent - American School of Bombay, India*

## **A Wise Investment**

Dr. Stager contributes to a successful conference or district professional learning event by:

- promoting the event in his various publications
- offering a "Conversation with Gary Stager" session following the keynote
- presenting additional breakout sessions or participate in panel discussions
- leading hands-on workshops (additional fees may apply)
- participate in planning sessions, brainstorming or executive briefings
- collaborate with students
- communicate with parents or the community
- speak with local media

*Some people think 'outside of the box.' Gary is unaware of the box's existence!*

*- Dr. David Thornburg, author, speaker & futurist*

## **Keynote Topics - 2010/2011**

- Ten Things to Do with a Laptop - Learning and Powerful Ideas
- The Best Education Ideas in the World - Tickets to Constructing Modern Knowledge
- Twenty Lessons from Twenty Years of 1:1 Computing
- Roger & Me (special event with HyperStudio inventor Roger Wagner)
- The Future of Learning
- Creativity 2.0: The Quest for Meaning, Beauty and Excellence
- Young Tom Edison and the Ballerina's Gopher
- Opening a Window vs. Filling a Hole: Realizing the Potential of Online Learning
- Constructing Modern Knowledge: A Computational (and fun) Approach to STEM
- Rethinking At-Risk Education: Successful Learner-Centered Alternatives to Conventional Practice
- Receptive Teaching – A Natural Approach to Identifying High-Tech Learning Opportunities
- *Additional topics are available and presentations are customized to suit your audience.*

For biographical information & photos see: [www.stager.org/bio](http://www.stager.org/bio)

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