

## STEFAN GLOWACZ



### Rock Climbing World Champion Entrepreneur

Stefan Glowacz is one of the most successful alpinists ever. At an early age his parents shared with him their love of the mountains and different terrains that he would later claim as home. His fascination with rocks never let go of him, even when the rocks became steeper and the surrounding terrain evermore treacherous.

Born 1965 Stefan Glowacz discovered early that his passion may not end with rappelling, in order to transform it into a profession and that "work" for real pro's started at the bottom of the vertical wall. Glowacz won the prestigious Rock Masters in Arco, Italy and was invited as a guest on the television show "Das Aktuelle Sportstudio" in Germany and acted in the Werner Herzog movie "Der Schrei aus Stein". Being the foster child of the mountaineering legend Reinhold Messner, he ultimately became the precursor of the free climbing movement. In addition, Glowacz always kept on moving forward himself. An ankle injury introduced him to the agony which only helps mold best athletes.

For every high, there is almost sure to be a low. He conquered this injury and fought his way back to the top. He ended his competitive career in 1993, and began dedicating his talents to undiscovered, remote walls of the world, enriching his personal goals. The journeys to the climbs have become as important as the actual climb itself. By Jeep through the Namibian desert, on skis through Patagonian ice, or in a canoe in the Venezuelan jungle, it no longer only matters how difficult the route is, rather where it is.

Glowacz continues his leadership, sharing his experiences of mobility - be it vertical or horizontal, or if creativity or endurance is most important. He gives speeches to leaders of the international business world and owns Red Chili, makers of climbing equipment. Whether he was climbing competitively, building his company, speaking to the public, or discovering new territories, he has never chosen the simple path. Instead he tapped into his ability to master the extraordinary.

#### Topics (Selection):

- Passion
- The Mission
- How to Manage Tensions in a Team