

# COMPETE

## SPEAKERS BUREAU

Are you looking to make your next event a huge success that will keep attendees talking throughout the year? Stumped for a speaker with new ideas and insights that can both enlighten and entertain? Look no further!

The Compete Speakers Bureau has the solution. As a pioneer in gay sports media and entrepreneurship, Compete Sports Media's CEO Eric Carlyle brings forth a fresh perspective on all things sports and business. As an adult educator and mother of a gay athlete, Connie Wardman brings a unique set of experiences that will both inform and entertain.

### Eric Carlyle

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Eric Carlyle is the cofounder and brainchild of Compete Sports Media, the world's first inclusive sports media brand offering print, radio, web, and events. Eric has been an entrepreneur since age nine and continues shaking things up and breaking new ground wherever he goes.

- Author, speaker, writer
- Co-host of nationally syndicated Compete Radio
- Entrepreneur
- Groundbreaking GLBT sports pioneer
- Featured in 2007 Emmy award-winning short documentary
- Guest on Oprah & Friends
- Interviewed by Sports Illustrated
- Featured in numerous print, web, television and radio interviews

### Connie Wardman

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Connie Wardman raised a gay son in a homophobic world and is ready to share her insights and experiences on how to navigate the gay world as a straight woman. As Connie says "Are you ready to laugh?"

- Author of Fish Hooked on Character with NBA athlete Matt Fish
- Professional Speaker
- Business Owner
- Writer for Compete Magazine
- Co-host of nationally syndicated Compete Radio
- Adult Educator & Management Consultant for a Number of Fortune 500 Companies

Though both Eric and Connie are witty and will keep your audience entertained, nevertheless they are both savvy business people with all the appropriate credentials and first-hand experience to back them up. For more information, please call Compete Sports Media at 480-222-4223.

# Topics

## **“Gay Men Can’t Jump”**

**20-90 Minutes**

When Sports Out Loud (the predecessor to Compete) was launched in 2007 it broke stereotypes. Carlyle does it again with “Gay Men Can’t Jump,” the story of gay and lesbian amateur and professional athletes making it in a straight world while sharing the common traits that run between all successfully out athletes.

## **“You’re Out!”**

**15-90 Minutes**

The challenges and triumphs of gays and lesbians in professional sports. From tennis ace Gottfried Von Cramm to Olympian Matthew Mitchem, gay athletes have set the record straight.

## **“Hot off the Press: Building a Gay Business”**

**20-120 Minutes**

As an Entrepreneur Eric Carlyle has founded many successful ventures. His favorite—Compete Sports Media, is strictly a GLBT business. As the owner of the only gay sports media company featuring print, radio, web, and events, Eric shares his personal story of creating a one-of-its-kind media business. He gives tips and advice to future entrepreneurs and shows you how to set yourself apart from the competition.

## **“Stories of Acceptance”**

**15-90 Minutes**

More than ever, gay men and woman have heartwarming tales of love and acceptance both in the workplace and on the sport’s field. Eric talks about the current climate of gay acceptance and what the future holds all while giving you three tips on acceptance.

## **“I’d Like You to Meet My Son, Crystal “**

**20-90 Minutes**

From sweet childhood to world-class professional dancer and singer to fabulous Drag Queen, Connie Wardman shares her personal family stories on what it’s like to raise a gay son in a world not quite sure how to deal with him. Both funny and poignant, you’ll learn how one mother helped her son to navigate the tricky world of addressing his sexuality, his coming out and his life as a star!