



## **National Speakers Association Names Kris Young 2007 Meeting Partner of the Year**

(TEMPE, Ariz.) June 15, 2007 -- The National Speakers Association (NSA), the leading organization for professional speakers, will honor **Kris Young of Martin Bastian Productions** as its 2007 Professional Meeting Partner of the Year at NSA's 2007 Convention, July 9-12, in San Diego, California.

NSA's Meeting Partner of the Year Award is given annually to a professional who builds strong ties within the meetings industry and fosters extraordinary relationships with professional speakers. Young was also selected for the leadership, education and integrity she contributes to the meetings industry.

"With her enthusiasm, great sense of humor and belief in the power of the spoken word, Kris Young is indeed a superior partner to all of us in this industry," says NSA Strategic Partnerships Council Chair Eileen McDargh, CSP, CPAE. "Every speaker that has ever worked with Kris will testify to the expertise, professionalism and perhaps most importantly—the heart— that she brings to her work."

"Making the leap from speaker's bureau to production company about 9 ½ years ago enabled me to look at the big picture," says Young. "At Martin Bastian Productions, we work to understand our client's goals and then design experiences to create that desired outcome. When it's all said and done, it's all about the end result that we and the speakers create for the client."

"Being involved with NSA for the past fifteen years has allowed me to collaborate with many business experts, speakers and friends," Young adds. "Being honored by NSA reminds me of what I've learned—that together we can do so much more than we ever could by ourselves."