

TIM WALSH is a speaker, author, toy designer and filmmaker. His first book, *Timeless Toys* (Andrews-McMeel), was praised by *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. His second, *WHAM-O Super-Book* (Chronicle Books) was picked by NPR as "One of the best gift books of the year."

A 34-year veteran of the toy industry, Tim's designs and co-designs of games and toys have sold over 7 million copies in 13 countries and include *Blurt* (Educational Insights), *Bull's Eye* (Roo Games), *Mega Mouth* (Big G Creative), *Flidjit Ball* (WeCool Toys), *Mad Gab* (Mattel), and many others. He's appeared on numerous TV and radio shows including NPR's *All Things Considered*, and regularly on The History Channel's hit show *The Toys That Built America*.

In 2010, Tim co-produced the film *Toyland*, with director Ken Sons, which premiered at the Sarasota Film Festival. The film went on to win Best Documentary awards at three US film festivals. In 2016, he co-produced and co-directed *OPERATION: Operation The Power of Play* with Peggy Brown. The film shares the amazing story of John Spinello, the inventor of the classic game *Operation*. The film won best documentary and the top prize for best film at the 2017 Naperville Independent Film Festival.

As a speaker, Tim is out to prove that PLAY is not a four-letter word, but a means through which we can super-charge creativity and connect with others. He has presented lectures to USC's Physical Sciences in Oncology Center, the State Bar of Arizona, Otis College of Art & Design, the International Toy Research Association World Conference, and other creative organizations.

Tim recently launched a YouTube channel that celebrates designers, creativity and connection at: www.seizetheplay.com

He serves as chair on the advisory board of People of Play's Young Inventor Challenge and on The Nation Toy Hall of Fame selection committee.

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