



**Dr. Hugh Herr**, a double amputee after a rock climbing accident, now heads the Biomechatronics research group at the MIT Media Lab. He is creating bionic prostheses that emulate natural limbs—and are having a dramatic impact on eliminating disabilities and empowering people. The “Leader of the Bionic Age” according to *TIME* magazine, his work in the emerging field of biomechatronics - technology that marries human physiology with electromechanics - is revolutionizing the way we approach human limitations. He is responsible for breakthrough advances in bionic limbs that augment human strength, endurance, and agility and provide new hope to those with disabilities. In presentations, Herr uses inspiration and humor as he shares his story and creates a powerful message that is both personal and applicable to organizations. With insights on innovation, technology, and human possibility, he speaks from firsthand experience in creating breakthrough advancements that help people overcome adversity. An incredible presenter and repeat TED speaker, Herr’s story of overcoming his own tragedy is highly inspirational and his insights on innovation, technology, and the future of the human body are out of this world. **Innovating the Way out of Tragedy.** Herr’s lab not only creates bionic limbs; he wears them himself. He had been considered a rock climbing prodigy until his legs were amputated after he got frostbite during a rock climbing accident. With the idea that the strength of the body is its malleability, he created special limbs to help him return to climbing—and to be better than he had been before. This extraordinary accomplishment made him the first person in history with a major amputation to compete at an elite level...

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