

# She Talks Utah

## *Finding Our Voices and the Courage to Use Them*

*Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series*

November 2, 2017 (6:30-8:30 p.m.)  
Ballroom, Sorensen Student Center, Utah Valley University

### Speakers



**Jenny Oaks Baker**  
*Grammy Nominated  
Violinist, Billboard  
No. 1 Performer*



**Shannon Hale**  
*Best-Selling,  
Award-Winning  
Author*



**Brooke Walker**  
*Host/Executive  
Producer of Studio 5  
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**Vanessa Quigley**  
*Co-Founder &  
Chatbooker-in-Chief  
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**Deidre Henderson**  
*Utah State Senator  
District 7  
Senate Rules Chair*

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We are proud to introduce 2017 “She Talks Utah,” an annual event held each Fall as part of the *Utah Women's Leadership Speaker & Dialogue Series*. Each “She Talks Utah” event features several engaged, accomplished, and entertaining Utah women who share their personal stories, ideas, and passions surrounding a specific theme. For the 2017 event, we have invited five fabulous Utah women from various backgrounds and sectors to speak briefly about how each has found both her unique voice and the courage to use it in different ways to be a force for good. Come and learn from women who lead in their own distinct ways within their various public spheres. As you listen, think of how you can also influence and lead both informally and formally in meaningful and authentic ways as well. The speeches will be filmed, so prepare to be a lively audience! For the last 30 minutes, attendees will pick up some light refreshments and find dialogue groups to discuss the concepts and topics presented. Girls and women (10 years and older) and those who support them (men can come too!) are welcome to attend! Come and listen, learn, laugh, eat, and dialogue!

The event will live stream as well; check [www.utwomen.org](http://www.utwomen.org) the day of the event for the link. Video recordings of each speech will also be available after the event at [www.utwomen.org](http://www.utwomen.org) and [www.uen.org/utwomen](http://www.uen.org/utwomen), and the event will later rebroadcast on UEN-TV channel 9.1.

## Speaker Bios

### **Jenny Oaks Baker, Grammy Nominated, Billboard No. 1 Performer and Recording Artist**

America's Violinist, Jenny Oaks Baker, received her Master of Music degree from the Juilliard School and her Bachelor's Degree from the Curtis Institute of Music. Jenny has performed as a soloist at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Library of Congress and as a guest soloist with The National Symphony, Jerusalem Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Utah Symphony and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Jenny has released fourteen studio albums which have sold nearly a million copies and consistently chart on Billboard. Her popular music videos can be viewed on [www.jennoaksbaker.com](http://www.jennoaksbaker.com). Jenny, her husband Matthew, and their four children reside in SLC.

### **Shannon Hales, Best-Selling, Award-Winning Author**

Shannon Hale is the New York Times bestselling author of over 25 books for kids, teens, and adults, including the Newbery Honor award winner *Princess Academy*, graphic novel memoir *Real Friends*, several books in the popular *Ever After High* series, and *Austenland*, for which she co-wrote the film's screenplay. She is also a renowned public speaker and advocate for literacy and kids reading diversely. With her husband Dean Hale, she pens the *Unbeatable Squirrel Girl* novels and the *Princess in Black* early chapter book series. They live in Utah with their four children. See <http://www.squeetus.com/stage/main.html> for more details.

### **Brooke Walker, Host & Executive Producer of "Studio 5 with Brooke Walker," KSL-TV**

Brooke Walker is an Emmy-nominated journalist and a member of the award-winning KSL News Team, where she frequently contributes as an anchor and reporter. A homegrown Utah girl, Brooke is actively involved in her community and enjoys speaking to local groups and organizations. Brooke attended BYU, where she studied Broadcast Communications. Prior to her time at KSL, Brooke worked for the Public Affairs Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Brooke's most important and cherished titles are wife and mother. She and her husband, Marc, are the parents (and fan club co-presidents!) of Emme and Boston.

### **Vanessa Quigley, Co-Founder & Chatbooker-in-Chief, Chatbooks.com**

Vanessa Quigley is a mom, Co-founder of Chatbooks, and author of *Real Moms, Real Hacks: 107 Parent-Tested Tips and Tricks to Save You Time, Money and Sanity*. Chatbooks gives Vanessa the ideal place to combine her big picture vision, desire to hold onto what matters, and "get it done" attitude that raising seven children has instilled in her. Vanessa drives Chatbooks' creative engine and product design. She has a degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from Brigham Young University, sings opera whenever she can, and enjoys the theater, being in the mountains with her family, and finding the humor in life—especially important while raising a growing family!

### **Deidre Henderson, Utah State Senator, District 7, Senate Rules Chair**

Deidre Henderson is a wife, mother, and small business owner. In 2008, she jumped into Utah politics after being asked to make phone calls to delegates on behalf of then-underdog Congressional candidate, Jason Chaffetz. That assignment quickly evolved into the role of political director and then campaign manager. In 2012, Deidre won a seat in the Utah State Senate, where she was immediately given the weighty assignment to chair the Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee for the next four years. After just one term in the Utah Senate, she was appointed to chair the Senate Rules Committee in 2016.

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