

STEVEN BIDWELL

Veteran Performer
5x Tongue Cancer Survivor
Patient Advocate

An Outlier on Two Stages



Most people only face a final curtain call once. Steven Bidwell has navigated five.

A veteran of national Broadway tours and a 29-year survivor of tongue cancer, Steven has spent three decades mastering two of the most demanding stages in the world — the theatre and the oncology ward.

Five diagnoses. Four glossectomies. Radiation. Chemotherapy. And a voice he has fought, rebuilt, and refused to surrender.

As an Ambassador for the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance — representing both New York City and Toronto — and a volunteer with Young Tongues Global, a peer-to-peer support organisation for people navigating oral cancer, Steven brings both institutional credibility and lived experience to every room he enters. He speaks from the inside of a medical journey most people only witness from the outside.

For clinicians and medical professionals, Steven pulls back the curtain on what it actually feels like to be the patient — making a compelling, human case for compassionate, personalised care that goes beyond the chart and follows the patient home. For patients and caregivers, he offers something rarer than inspiration: practical tools, hard-won insight, and the kind of honest conversation that changes how people show up for themselves in a clinical setting. For public and community audiences, his message is clear and urgent. Early detection saves lives. The HPV vaccine prevents head and neck cancers before they start. And every person deserves to know the signs, ask the questions, and advocate fiercely for themselves and the people they love.

Steven doesn't just tell his story. He teaches people what to do with theirs.

After all — if they're sleeping, he hasn't done his job. And in Steven's world, the show must go on.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **5** Successful recoveries from tongue cancer.
- **30** Years of active patient advocacy and survivorship.
- **33** Rounds of radiation & 3 rounds of chemotherapy.
- **2** National Broadway Tours (42nd Street).
- **95%** Recovery rating compared to the national average.



KEYNOTE TOPICS

Five Times a Charm: Overcoming "Scanxiety" and Medical Burnout

Focusing on the unique psychological toll of recurring illness. This topic deals with the stamina required to face the same giant five different times without losing hope.

- Best for: Cancer support organizations and pharmaceutical "Patient Experience" days.

Subtext and Survival: Mastering Communication in High-Stakes Environment

In acting, it's not what you say, but why you say it. In a hospital, clear communication can be life or death. This talk teaches people how to advocate for themselves effectively when they feel "small" in a large system.

- Best for: General audiences and patient-rights summits.

The Broadway of Resilience: The Resilience of the Voice: Finding Your Power After 5 Rounds

This topic focuses on the literal and metaphorical loss of voice. As an actor, your voice is your instrument; as a survivor, it was under siege.

- Best for: Corporate conferences, mental health symposiums, and survivor retreats.

Beyond the Cure: Life in the "After-Effects"

A candid look at the lifelong realities of radiation, glossectomies, speech impediments, and dry mouth. Steven explores why "successful treatment" is only the beginning of the patient's work.

- Best for: Oncology Teams, SLPs, and Nursing Conferences.

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