

TED^xSaskatoon

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TEDxSaskatoon Announces Speaker Line-up for 2015 Event

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN; OCTOBER 21, 2015 – TEDxSaskatoon will take place on October 24, 2015 at Persephone Theatre. The independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices and TED Talks videos under the theme of “Elevate.”

Launched in 2009, TEDx is program of locally organized events that bring the community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

TEDxSaskatoon is an incredible opportunity to be inspired by leading creative professionals, technology experts, entrepreneurs and cultural leaders from across our beautiful city to speakers stretching around the world.

“We are so excited to bring the community together to celebrate unique and inspiring ideas. Saskatoon has some incredible speakers with world-changing concepts and we can’t wait to *elevate* the audience through this event,” shares Elise Truscott, committee member.

Speakers at TEDxSaskatoon include:

- Michael Epstein – Transformational Change towards a sustainable future
- Karen Fraser Gitlitz – Minister and Open Minded Talker
- Hamilton Greenwood – Educator and Wildlife Photographer
- Lisa Greig – Bringing Life to Death
- Hadlen – Magician and illusionist
- Paul Hanley – Environment Awareness Promoter
- Patricia Katz – Spokesperson for a Better Way
- Trevor Maber – Relationship Builder
- Herb McFaull – LBGTQ Youth Rights Champion
- Michael Payne – Creative Thinker
- Andi Sharma – Food Security Collaborator
- Stavros Stavrou – Cultural Mathematician
- SaskAcro – AcroYoga demonstration

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For more information about TEDxSaskatoon please visit www.TEDxSaskatoon.com or @TEDxSaskatoon on twitter.

About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years ago, TED has grown to support its mission with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mix of topics. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The TED2014 Conference takes place in Vancouver, British Columbia, along with the TEDActive simulcast in neighboring Whistler. TEDGlobal 2014 will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TED Talks are posted daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed; and TEDBooks, short e-books on powerful ideas. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world get help translating their wishes into action; TEDx, which supports individuals or groups in hosting local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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