EVENT



Mayor Hillary Schieve



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The Power of Voice Featuring
Dr. L. Martina Young, Dr.Joe
Crowley, Mayor Hillary Schieve
and Designer Brianna Bullentini
July 9, 2016 at Studio on 4th Street 6-8pm. FREE

You are invited to participate in something unique. A different kind of storytelling session. One part interview. One part storytelling. One part myth.

The stories to be told are not only personal and empowering, but are set before the backdrop of a mythological theme. The creators of this project (Author-Attorney-Artist Thomas Lloyd Qualls and Reno Tahoe Tonight Editor-Publisher Oliver X) have hand-selected four people we want to participate. Each person represents an element of the Tarot's major arcana. The project will introduce its audience to these chosen people from various walks of life, each of whom have found their unique voice and learned to use it to coax their dreams into reality. The participants will share their thematic and intimate stories in engaging vignettes.

These individuals are peak achievers, distinguished and iconic members of the northern Nevada community, including: Dr. L. Martina Young, Dr. Joe Crowley, Mayor Hillary Schieve and Designer Brianna Bullentini.

Finding a Voice.

Great art is not about technical precision. It is not about mastering color or technique, lyrics or melody, grammar or character development. Though, make no mistake, these things are important. It is just that nobody, ever, anywhere, made any great art without first having found their Voice.

What do I mean by Voice?

The Buddhist monk, Thích Nhất Hạnn said, "If you are a poet, you will see clearly that there is a cloud floating in this sheet of paper. Without a cloud, there will be no rain; without rain, the trees cannot grow; and without trees, we cannot make paper."

Voice is the Cloud floating in the paper.

And it comes from the one place where all true art is born: The Heart.

When it comes to matters of the heart, we all have the ability to be great artists. Whether we put paint on canvas or words on paper, manage a band or mayor a City, roast good coffee or brew craft beer, to truly succeed one must become an artist.

In a way, all art is about storytelling. The stories we are going to share with you are all about Voice. And what it sounds like to use your voice to create a meaningful conversation with the world. Because really, what's better than a great conversation?

The Fool's Journey.

The Tarot is a deck of playing cards that we believe dates back to the 15th Century, though the precise time and place of its origin is unknown. There are many different kinds of tarot decks, but all contain 22 trump cards, or major arcana, which represent either elements or archetypes. Each of these cards contains a corresponding number, which, to numerologists are as important as the drawings depicted on each card.

The unnumbered or Zero card is the Fool. And the Tarot is often called the Fool's Journey. The idea being that each Tarot card represents a stage in life that the Fool must pass through in order to find Divine Wisdom (the Sacred Mountain).

The Fool is the spirit in search of experience. He possesses childlike exuberance and curiosity, and acts in such a way that others might call divine madness. He appreciates simplicity and beauty. And is often oblivious to the real world and its dangers. Without realizing it, along his journey, the Fool helps the rest of us to see that this world is a carnival, a pageant of divine illusion.

The Fool leaves the safety of the Sacred Mountain to embark upon the supreme adventure – the adventure we call Life. The Fool must leave the wholeness of the Sacred Mountain in order to experience the separation of the World, and return with the wisdom of his journey. Another way to put it is that the Fool is going in search of his Voice.

Come join us as our four distinguished guests share the stories of their own journeys through the lens of each of their Tarot characters, and hear for yourself their four very different voices. If you listen closely, you might find a clue to lead you to your own voice. Or, if you've already found it, how you can use your voice to find your own sacred mountain.

The Power of Voice is an official Artown event on July 9, 2016 from 6-8pm. Located at Studio of 4th, 432 E. Fourth Street in downtown Reno. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is conveniently located on street, in the parking lot adjacent to the venue on Valley Street.



Dr. L. Martina Young



Dr. Joe Crowley



Host Presenter Tom Qualls