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## about TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California 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 or less. 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, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

The annual TED conference takes place each spring in Vancouver, British Columbia. 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; and the educational initiative TED-Ed. 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.

## about TEDx

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. 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).

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# program



**ARIA MIA LOBERTI**

Keynote Speaker



**TIM CHACE**

Embracing life's contradictions: Finding your truth where you least expect it



**LEETAL YOUNG**

The power of tuning out the noise



**JARRELL GARCIA**

What conflict reveals about truth and identity



**SHAPLAIE BROOKS**

From silence to song: Finding the truth in breaking every chain



**SHARMIN ATTARAN**

The battle for truth in a viral world

# intermission



**BRENTON DEBOEF**

The holy grail of science communication



**ERIN THORKILSEN**

How children help us remember what's true



**RENAE MARTIN**

The heart of the matter: What patients taught me about the truth



**RILEY LENIHAN**

Scattergories + Scientific Method = Search for understanding



**TEDDY LYTLE**

The Truth as told by a bold faced liar



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# about

TEDxURI brings big ideas to the world stage through the inspirational voices of our community and beyond. Our speakers challenge us to think bigger than ourselves, participate in shaping the future, and do our part to protect the planet. Our mission is to honor these ideas and share powerful stories of imagination, innovation, and integrity that will inspire others to Think Big.

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