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## **TEDx ManhattanBeach Announces Speaker Line-up**

Manhattan Beach, California/US; IMMEDIATE - TEDx Manhattan Beach will take place on November 5th, 2016 at Mira Costa High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices and TED talks videos under the theme of "What If..."

Launched in 2009, TEDx is a 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](http://TED.com) and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

TEDx ManhattanBeach is a private event. Tickets may be purchased at <http://tedxmanhattanbeach.com/> Volunteers may sign up at the website as well.

QUOTE FROM: KATE BERGIN, TEDxMANHATTANBEACH ORGANIZER:

"I believe in the power of an idea to change the world, and we are so fortunate to have so many forward thinkers right here in Southern California. Through their stories and groundbreaking ideas, these incredible speakers spark community creativity, conversation, and motivate us all to ask "What If?"

### **Speakers at TEDxManhattanBeach include:**

- AMY ALKON - referred to as "Miss Manners with fangs," Amy is a successful columnist, podcast host and author who doesn't believe science and humor should be mutually exclusive. Her recently published book, "Good Manners for Nice People Who Sometimes Say F\*@K," is a modern, more scientific take, on Emily Post.
- ANITA SANCHEZ - the product of a culturally rich but economically poor Mexica-American/Aztec Indian family who overcame great obstacles to earn her doctorate, Anita has spent decades educating global leaders on diversity, culture, and positive change.
- BELISA VARNICH - a renowned clinical psychologist, author and public speaker, Belisa is an expert on topics related to dysfunctional breathing patterns, health, fitness, and nutrition.
- DEVIN FIDLER - director of the Institute for the Future's Workable Futures Initiative, Devin is an expert on the "rethinkery" necessary for organizations to adapt to the

changing technological landscapes which conflict with existing and often antiquated institutions.

- ED GARNERO - a faculty member at Arizona State University, Ed has had over 100 articles published. His work studying the Earth and its interior is regularly featured on numerous news and media outlets, including NPR and the Discovery Channel, making him a preeminent authority within the Geological Community.
- EDUARDO BRICENO - born in Caracas, Venezuela, Eduardo moved to Oklahoma as a teen and was introduced to the love of learning, which remains the central source of joy in his life. With varied degrees across disciplines from many of the country's most prestigious institutions, he helps students and businesses alike make sense of the world around them through education.
- WENDY TROXEL - a senior behavioral and social scientist at RAND and professor at the University of Pittsburg, Wendy's groundbreaking work on the interface between sleep, social environment and health has been featured in widespread print and television media. She has had overwhelming success helping patients overcome sleep disorders with non-pharmacologic treatments.
- BILL SANTANA LI - a believer in free high-quality education for everyone, Bill became the youngest senior executive at Ford Motor Company at the age of 28. He founded GreenLeaf, LLC, a subsidiary of Ford that became the world's second largest automobile recycler. He went on to run/found companies which focus on built-to-order products resulting in prototypes such as the first purpose-built law enforcement vehicle.
- PER HAKANSSON - a pioneering digital transformer who lives and explores the interface of technology, humanity, and culture, Per's work helps organizations across the world to become successful in exponential technology and cultural awakening. He personally owns fewer than 100 things, and if could, would dissolve all physical and political borders and boundaries.
- KENNETH DOLIN - Los Angeles-based portrait and headshot photographer whose work has been featured in highly-circulated magazines and clientele ranks among Hollywood's elite. He's been dubbed, "the go-to-guy for headshots." Ken says his success stems from his ability to get people to stop posing by being part life coach, part clown and part provocateur.
- KYLE HILL - named to the Forbes 30 under 30 list in Healthcare 2016, Kyle is the co-founder and CEO of HomeHero, a licensed non-medical home care provider that leverages smart technology and human compassion to extend health systems to launch, operate and grow their own non-medical home care programs.
- MALISSIA CLINTON - senior vice president, general counsel and secretary of Aerospace, an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the objective application of science and technology toward the solution of critical issues affecting the nation's space program.

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- KEVIN KELLY - passionate and dedicated to the early detection of breast cancer, Dr. Kelly is one of the country's leading authorities on using ultrasound to detect cancers in women with dense breast tissue/or implants. His clinical research has resulted in new technologies that have identified previously undetectable cancers, thus saving numerous lives and avoiding unnecessary chemotherapy treatments.
- GENE YANG - award winning cartoonist who elevated the graphic novel. His first graphic novel, "American Born Chinese," was the first-ever graphic novel to be nominated for the National Book Award, sparking a firestorm of controversy within the industry. Gene continues to turn heads with his current work and is a big proponent of using comics in education and of representing diversity within the comics medium.

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For more information about TEDx Manhattan Beach, please visit:

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## 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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