

**Welcome to TEDxPortsmouth 2023:
*FORWARD >>> THINKING***

This immersive, full-day event showcases a diverse lineup of inspiring speakers, rousing artistic performances, great local food, and a fun after-party. It's also where the Seacoast comes together to connect and explore big ideas — science, the arts, the environment, humanity, entrepreneurship — in a shared experience emphasizing community, conversation, and inspiration. Enjoy!

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8:00 – 9:00 A.M.
REGISTRATION/NETWORKING

9:00 A.M.
SESSION 1

*“A Million Dreams,” performed by
Anthony Ippolito & Lulu Richmond*

James W. Dean Jr.
Jennifer Moore
John T. Broderick Jr.

*“We Can Fix This: A Conversation
on Youth Mental Well-being,”
a short film by JBC Communications*

10:15 A.M.
MORNING BREAK

10:45 A.M.
SESSION 2

Scarlet Keys
Michelle Kelley
Claire Bloom

12:00 P.M.
LUNCH BREAK

1:15 P.M.
SESSION 3

*“Daffodils,” performed by
Portsmouth School of Ballet*

Bhumika Prem
Andrea Pickett

2:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON BREAK

2:15 P.M.

SESSION 4

Courtney Daniel
Stephen Gianotti

3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

AFTER-PARTY

Music Hall Lounge
Cash bar available

LUNCH OFFERINGS

Bennett's Sandwich Shop is an experience. The quality and freshness of the ingredients, the extraordinarily welcoming service, and their delicious sandwiches will make you want to return again and again.

Sandwich options from Bennett's:

Italian sandwich

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Vegan veggie sandwich

Gluten free options available for all, while quantities last

Delicious bag of chips!

Rice Krispie treats (GF)



MONICA DORLEY

After graduating from Portsmouth High School, Monica Dorley attended Boston University as a scholar-athlete and was captain of the women's field hockey team, where she was named All-American. She worked in the design industry for over 10 years, then set out on her own to pursue more creative work and freedom and started Fast Girl Productions in 2006. Monica has dabbled in standup comedy and performed as part of an ensemble cast in "Period. The End?" at 3S Artspace in October 2022. She lives in her mid-century modern dream house with her wife, Jen Scumaci (aka DJ Skooch), and their two elderly pugs.



CLIFF LAZENBY

After earning a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University cured him of having ambitions in politics, Cliff spent a decade in New York City managing rock bands. When he met his dynamo wife Stephanie (2017 TEDx host), Cliff's life purpose gained clarity. For the past two decades, since returning to his home state, Cliff has been IT director at Ocean Properties Hotels. He has also served Portsmouth for two terms on the City Council (which cured him of having ambitions in politics, for real this time). Cliff's desert island must-haves include daughters Katy and Sophie, George the cat, music, and pickleball.



ANTHONY IPPOLITO

Anthony is thrilled to be performing on the Music Hall stage. He is a freshman at Portsmouth High School and enjoys playing his many guitars, skiing, fishing, drawing, and hanging out with friends. He wants everyone to know that neurodiversity has no limits and hopes that all kids are given a chance to shine. Did we mention he has a heart of gold?



LULU RICHMOND

Lulu is honored and excited to be part of TEDxPortsmouth. A fifth grader at Little Harbour School, Lulu was adopted from Shaoxing, China, in 2016. She enjoys playing the violin and performing in plays at school and with the Seacoast Rep PAPA, Player's Ring, and Portsmouth Music and Arts Center. Lulu also enjoys journaling, reading, soccer, and basketball. She lives in Portsmouth with her parents, sister, dog, cat, hamster, and chickens. Special thanks to Anna, Sharon, and Alex for this incredible opportunity!



JAY CHILDS

An Emmy-honored producer and the director of JBC Communications, Jay Childs brings brings important stories to life. His latest short film, “We Can Fix This: A Conversation on Youth Mental Well-being,” debuts at today’s event. Baseline anxiety and depression have become epidemic in young people. “We Can Fix This” encourages a simple movement of listening to and being present for youths, to help prevent these symptoms from escalating. Local experts as well as teens offer common-sense, manageable actions that we all can take to hear and support the young people in our lives.



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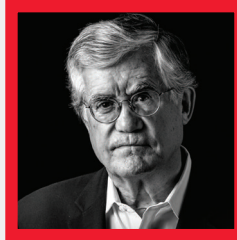
PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL OF BALLET

Portsmouth School of Ballet is proud to present its top dancers from its award-winning student company. Today's performance will feature nine dancers, ranging in age from 14 to 17, dancing to music by Florence and the Machine. Their choreographer, Teddy Forance, worked hard with these dancers to create a strong and powerful routine entitled "Daffodils," which has gone on to win multiple top awards, including first place at the prestigious and international competition, the Youth America Grand Prix.



CLAIRE BLOOM

Claire Bloom is a retired naval officer and was the first woman to be named second in command of the USS Constitution, serving in this capacity during the ship's first sail in 116 years. After retiring, she founded End 68 Hours of Hunger, a nonprofit organization delivering food each weekend to 4,500 food-insecure local children for their weekends away from free school meals. She currently volunteers as the organization's executive director. Claire is a mom to four, grandmother to 12, and great-grandmother to eight.



JOHN T. BRODERICK JR.

John Broderick became the senior director of external affairs at Dartmouth Health in 2017. He was a member of the New Hampshire Supreme Court from 1995 to 2010, serving his last seven years there as chief justice. After, he became dean of the University of New Hampshire's Franklin Pierce Law School. Since 2016, he has spoken countless times about mental illness and about the R.E.A.C.T. campaign, designed by Dartmouth-Health and embraced by the New Hampshire Department of Education to improve understanding and awareness of mental illness.



COURTNEY DANIEL

A nationally recognized, award-winning administrative professional at The Courtney Daniel Brand, Courtney Daniel's dedication and ability to build relationships has afforded her the opportunity to work with top-name celebrities. Courtney's desire to create value in her community led to the creation of the No to Patterns podcast and online resource, featuring BIPOC business owners, change-makers, and supporters of change. Courtney currently serves as vice chair of WSCA Portsmouth Community Radio and is on the advisory panel for Arts in Reach (AIR).



JAMES W. DEAN JR.

James "Jim" Dean is president of the University of New Hampshire and interim chancellor of the University System of New Hampshire. He previously served as provost of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and dean of the UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School. Jim and his wife Jan have two wonderful daughters and four spectacular grandchildren. He is an amateur clarinet player, an avid reader, a Francophile, a lifelong soccer and basketball fan, and a supporter of all UNH sports teams. He believes passionately in the value of higher education for individuals and for society.



STEPHEN GIANOTTI

Stephen Gianotti is the founder and president of The Woodland Group, an organizational development company based in New Hampshire. He also serves as board chair for the Global Society for Organizational Learning, based in Stockholm. Stephen was the official Zoom safari guide for Botswana's elephant rescue sanctuary, sharing the majesty and the mystery of the African elephant with thousands of people around the world. Africa occupies a very special place in Stephen's soul. Stephen is a NH native.



MICHELLE KELLEY

A former hostage negotiator, FBI special agent, and second-grade teacher (yes, they're connected!), Michelle Kelley now works to share the skills of elite listening with people from all walks of life. As a counterterrorism agent, 9/11 trial contributor, and educator, Michelle has things she can never reveal — and some that she can. Fortunately, the lessons she can share from her high-octane career transfer to valuable skills we can all use in everyday life. Michelle works with The Listening Institute and lives with her super-supportive husband and sporty son.



SCARLET KEYS

Scarlet Keys is a professor at Berklee College of Music and a former staff songwriter for Warner Chappell. Scarlet's songs have been heard on film and TV and garnered her a gold record. She has collaborated with recording artists such as Chris Stapleton, Eric Roberson, Melissa Ferrick, and local artist Sam Robbins. Some of her former students include Lizzy McAlpine, Charlie Puth, Amy Allen, Ingrid Andress, and Betty Who. Scarlet is the host of the "What's in a Song podcast" and the author of "The Craft of Songwriting: Music, Meaning, and Emotion," but most notably, she is a world-class parallel parker.



JENNIFER MOORE

Jennifer Moore is the founder and co-creator of Project Upcycle, a sustainable fashion competition for emerging designers in New England, and PortSwap, the popular clothing swap that celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2019 with over 500 people in attendance. Over the years, Jennifer has been a blogger, editor, and magazine contributor on sustainable style. Jennifer is known online as "Recovergirl," which she says is a riff on the brand name CoverGirl with "Re" added to bring to mind "reduce, reuse, and recycle."



ANDREA PICKETT

Andrea Pickett holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology with a focus on public policy, which she earned while full-time solo parenting and working for the Portsmouth Housing Authority. In her work, she draws on her own experience with poverty to relate to the community she serves, helping others access resources that made stability possible for herself. Andrea works to give people experiencing poverty a voice to weigh in on issues that directly impact their daily lives, offering them "a seat at the table."



BHUMIKA PREM

A ninth grader at Phillips Exeter Academy, Bhumika Prem immigrated to the United States when she was one year old. Bhumika is a visual artist who brings her passion for art to others, serving as regional director of Back to Bach Visual Arts, a student-run organization dedicated to making music and arts education more accessible to schools. She also volunteers for ENGIN, an organization that pairs Ukrainian youth with English speakers, and is a volunteer with ESSO Girls Who Code. Bhumika is passionate about STEAM and believes that STEAM education will change the world.



AFTER-PARTY

Join us for the 2023
TEDxPortsmouth after-party:
Music Hall Lounge, cash bar
available until 4 p.m.

A toast to our community, filled with ideas worth spreading!

Talk to speakers and other attendees about the ideas shared today that have blown your mind, informed your perspective, or inspired you to take action.

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ANNA GOLDSMITH

Anna Goldsmith is a co-producer of TEDxPortsmouth and a partner at The Hired Pens, a copywriting agency that includes over a dozen senior-level writers. Since 2001, The Hired Pens has completed hundreds of projects, but Anna's personal favorite was a speech she wrote for a rodeo queen. Anna holds a master's degree in writing from UNH and a bachelor's degree from Colby College. She lives in Portsmouth with her husband and two sons. Fun fact: Anna's great-uncle, Kennard Goldsmith, was the youngest mayor in Portsmouth history, elected in 1937 at just 22. The press nicknamed him the "boy mayor."



Alyssa Durcan Photography

KAARIN OLOFSSON MILNE

Kaarin is a co-producer of TEDxPortsmouth and a collaborative colleague of The Woodland Group. She partners with organizations to improve their long-term health and sustainability. Kaarin holds a bachelor's degree in communications from UNH and an MBA from the Paul College of Business and Economics at UNH. She is an alum and former trustee of Leadership Seacoast and a member of the Leadership New Hampshire class of 2023. A lifelong Seacoast community member, Kaarin contributes time and talent to several organizations that support youth development, education, and leadership.