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TEDxBuffalo Announces Speakers For 2016 Event

(JULY 25, 2016 – Buffalo, N.Y.) The organizers of the annual TEDxBuffalo conference are pleased to announce the speaker lineup for their 2016 event, to be held on Thursday, October 20 at Asbury Hall at Babeville, on Delaware Avenue in downtown Buffalo.

"Every year, I am again amazed by the incredible people who apply to speak at TEDxBuffalo," said Pete Herr, Director of the 2016 TEDxBuffalo event. "It's so hard to choose a lineup because there are so many good speakers in Western New York and so many great *Ideas Worth Spreading*," Herr continued, making reference to the TED slogan.

The theme of TEDxBuffalo 2016 is "Perceptions," how they can impact and alter our beliefs and how we can change them.

TEDxBuffalo 2016's speakers are:

- **Dr. Mark Montgomery**, Coordinator for Academic Success Initiatives for Alfred State College.
- **Mike Gluck and Dr. John Johnson**, Co-authors of "Everydata: The Misinformation Hidden in the Little Data You Consume Every Day".
- **Allison Sagraves**, Chief Data Officer for M&T Bank.
- **Jonathan Rajewski**, Computer & Digital Forensics instructor and a Computer Forensic Examiner with the Vermont Internet Crimes Task Force in Burlington, Vermont and Associate Professor at Champlain College.
- **Fotini Galanes**, Illustrator, muralist, lecturer, teacher.
- **James Ceilinki**, former BMX biker turned marathon runner and photographer.
- **William Capozzi**, Digital and traditional artist and animator.
- **Dr. Jason Briner**, Assistant professor in the UB Department of Geology

"The content for this year's conference is so exciting," Herr explained, "It is full of topics that are truly relevant to the now – Virtual reality, Internet of Things, school retention, what to do with all the data we are surrounded with – some really exciting and engaging issues."

More information about this year's conference and speakers is available at TEDxBuffalo.com.

About TEDxBuffalo: TEDxBuffalo is an independently licensed TEDx event that follows the guidelines put in place by the TED conference 20 years ago. Using TED's unique 18-minute time limit, we are able to provide the audience with a day's worth of talks on a variety of topics that are sure to inspire and educate. TEDxBuffalo strives to bring fresh faces with breathtaking ideas and projects to the stage in front of over 300 people in attendance and countless more watching live online.

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, TEDTalks 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 those world-changing ideas 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.

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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