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TEDxBuffalo Announces Speakers For 2014 Event

(AUGUST 11, 2014 – Buffalo, N.Y.) The TEDxBuffalo team is pleased to announce the speaker lineup for its 2014 event, to be held on Tuesday, October 14 at Canisius College's Montante Cultural Center. The theme for this year's event is "**In Motion.**"

"Once again, the TEDxBuffalo team found themselves in awe at the wide field of passions and projects that Western New Yorkers brought to our open auditions," said Kevin Purdy, TEDxBuffalo 2014's program director. "Our job is to bring this mix of experienced experts, young enthusiasts and passionate advocates to the stage with their best possible TEDx talks. It is a very challenging, fun job."

TEDxBuffalo 2014's speakers are:

- **Aaron Krolikowski** and **Darren Cotton** from the University Heights Tool Library. Krolikowski is the United Way of Buffalo & Erie County's director of research and public policy, and Cotton is an associate planner at the UB Regional Institute.
- **Ambra Sultzbaugh**, a writer and enterprise strategist who will speak about foreign languages as a survival skill.
- Soccer player **Anna-Lesa Calvert**, whose talk centers around the benefits of organized youth sports.
- **Brian Borncamp**, co-founder of Buffalo Open Data.
- **Clinton Parker**, a proponent of the cooperative movement.
- Bollywood dance instructor **Gaitre Subryan**, who will be performing during her talk.
- **Keith Harrington**, a.k.a. Projex, an audio-visual mixologist who alters venues with site-specific installations, video projections and electronica.
- **Dr. Kenneth Regan**, who is an International Master at chess and works to combat cheating in the game through statistical modeling.
- Internationally recognized internet addiction expert **Dr. Kimberly Young**, founder of Netaddiction.com.
- **Dr. Michael Cropp**, president and CEO of Independent Health.
- **Miranda Workman**, an anthrozoologist who will speak about the choices surrounding shelter animals.
- **Sabrina Pena Young**, who crowdsourced a machinima opera.

"People who apply to attend TEDxBuffalo can expect to see talks about exciting science and technology, for sure, but also some smaller works around Buffalo that deserve wider recognition," Purdy said. "And people who have a unique take on the thing they care most about."

Applications to attend TEDxBuffalo 2014 are open through Sunday, August 17. To apply, please visit TEDxBuffalo.com/attend.

More information about this year's speakers, including their complete bios, is available at <http://www.tedxbuffalo.com/tedxbuffalo-2014-speakers>.

About TEDxBuffalo: *Since 2011, TEDxBuffalo has taken place each October at Canisius College's Montante Cultural Center. 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. The TED2014 Conference will take 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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