TEDxMonterey to Spotlight Global and Local Solutions at April 16 Conference at the Monterey Institute

Confirmed presenters for TEDxMonterey include Dr. Kateri Carmola, the C. A. Johnson Fellow in Political Philosophy at Middlebury College; Laura Lee Lienk, a science and environmental/watershed education specialist with California State University, Monterey Bay and the Watershed Institute; David Merrill, co-founder and president of Sifteo; Seth Raphael, a.k.a. "Magic Seth", a technology magician with a bachelor’s degree in Magic and Technology from Hampshire College and a master’s in Wonder from MIT; Dr. Ramon Resa, a former child farm worker who grew up to become a pediatrician; Jose Soto, a community youth organizer dedicated to counteracting the gang violence that killed his son; Spector Dance Company, a dance group that performs digital multimedia works that celebrate the local community; and more.

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TEDxMonterey is open to the public; tickets are $30 for general admission and $20 for students. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.tedxmonterey.org.

What: TEDxMonterey; Be the Solution
An independent TEDx event operated under license from TED
When: Friday, April 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
(Sessions until 6:30 p.m.; reception from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)

Where: Irvine Auditorium  
McCone Building  
499 Pierce Street  
Monterey, CA  93940

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TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California 25 years ago, TED has grown to support those world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. The annual TED Conference invites the world’s leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes. Their talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Al Gore, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The annual TED Conference takes place in Long Beach, California, with simulcast in Palm Springs; TEDGlobal is held each year in Oxford, UK. TED’s media initiatives include TED.com, where new TEDTalks are posted daily, and the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as the ability for any TEDTalk to be translated by volunteers worldwide. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world are given the opportunity to put their wishes into action; TEDx, which offers individuals or groups a way to host local, self-organized events around the world, and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to become part of the TED community and, with its help, amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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