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Acclaimed Storytelling Non-Profit THE MOTH Kicks Off Spring Season at Arts at the Armory Performance Hall

Somerville, MA–The Center for Arts at the Armory announces that it will be hosting The Moth's Spring Season in the Armory Performance Hall starting January 25, 2022. <u>The Moth</u> is an acclaimed non-profit organization based in NYC dedicated to the art and craft of storytelling. Arts at the Armory will be hosting The Moth's monthly Boston StorySLAM, which is an open-mic storytelling competition, open to anyone with a five-minute story to share on the night's theme.

"Hosting The Moth in our historic Performance Hall makes sense on so many levels. As we continue to navigate our way in the pandemic as a live performance venue, we want to come back stronger than ever as an arts and cultural hub that provides rich, engaging and even transformative programming to local audiences," say Stephanie Scherpf, Executive Director of the Center for Arts at the Armory.

"The Moth is excited to kick off our 25th anniversary year, working with The Center for Arts at the Armory in Somerville," says Jenifer Hixson, Senior Director at The Moth. "The Armory Performance Hall is perfect as our new Boston StorySLAM venue. It is an awe-inspiring building, filled with decades of history. Let the new stories begin!"

For Robert Smyth, Arts at the Armory Board Chair and long-time advocate and participant in Somerville's rich literary, poetry and storytelling circles, "The Moth is a wonderful example of how stories bring us together and create community. One story told while each listener hears their story!"

Spring Season 2022 at Arts at the Armory

January 25, 2022

AGE: Prepare a five-minute story about the onslaught of minutes and years. The folly and vigor of youth or the shock and wisdom of age. Tweens, teens, ticking clocks, wunderkinds,

curmudgeons. Expiration dates and ageism. Bring us your tales of growing up too fast, battling the ravages of time, or embracing your bracket.

Ticket link: https://themoth.secure.force.com/ticket/#/instances/a0F7V00000VwSRCUA3

February 22, 2022

BELONGING: Prepare a five-minute story about fitting in or standing out. The ugly duckling amongst the swans or the new kid in school. Assimilation and alienation. Feeling right at home or trying to find it. Regale us with tales of what you belong to and what belongs to you.

Ticket link: TBA

March 22, 2022

SPORTS: Prepare a five-minute story about athletics. Locker rooms, drills, team strategies and tail gates. Team spirit and super side-line fans. Dribble. Punt. Bunt. Down for the count. Fighting to the finish, taking one for the team, or dropping the ball. On your mark. Get set. Go.

Ticket link: TBA

May 24, 2022

WATER: Prepare a five-minute story involving the culprit of all wetness, WATER. Think rain, the kiddie pool, the ocean, the bathtub, a puddle, thirst, the great amoebae abode, 92% of your blood, snow when it is relaxed, laundry, your fish tank or tears. Water, water everywhere.

Ticket link: TBA

June 28, 2022

DESTINATION: Prepare a five-minute story about points near and far. Forks in the road, the road less traveled, forging one's own path. Embarking, disembarking, finding purpose or discovering home. Answering the call to adventure or tales of that first port of call. Soft landings, hard landings, no matter ... It was always about the journey.

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