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Experiential Art Exhibit

June 17, 2016 | 6:00 – 9:00 pm





Thrive Collective
Presents

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Honoring our Students, Artists, Teachers,
and Community Supporters

Master of Ceremonies
Sean Ringgold

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Hosted by the
United Federation of Teachers



Evening Events

- 6:00 p.m.** **Cocktail Reception**
- 7:00 p.m.** **Welcome**
- 7:15 p.m.** **Act I, Live Great Stories**
- 7:30 p.m.** **Act II, Take Action**
- 8:00 p.m.** **Act III, Thrive Honors**
Scott Stringer, NYC Comptroller
Michael Mulgrew, UFT President
Kevin Palau, NY CityServe Co-founder
- 8:30 p.m.** **Thank you**





Dear Friends,

Thank you for celebrating with us, and for honoring the incredible stories our students, artists, mentors, volunteers, partners, and schools are living every day. As you engage with the exhibits and presentations, consider two questions: What inspires you? And how do you most want to be remembered?


Some of us love business, chemistry, traveling, or curling up with a great book. Our passions include music, photography, God, social media, sunsets, and so much more. An eclectic mix of interests, united by the power of story.

Tonight we celebrate the great stories being written. The greatest stories aren't captured on film or chronicled in newsprint. They're not tweeted by publicists or pitched by pundits. The truly great stories are the ones we live every day. Not the images we disclose in our selfies, but the self-portraits we create through authentic lives lived in the service of others.

The best storytellers shape our culture, and society, and the values that define us. They create beauty and inspire those around them. The best stories we return to time and again, season after season. Why? Because great stories demand sequels. We don't want them to end.

Our students are learning to live lives that:

- Take Action
- Embrace Responsibility
- Serve Humbly
- Lead Courageously
- Love Sacrificially



To take action means to take initiative and seize every moment. Life isn't for spectators. Stop watching other people live their lives, and start living yours. To embrace responsibility means to welcome the consequences that your choices create— the good, the bad, and the ugly. Learn from your mistakes and keep making new ones.

To serve humbly understands that life happens best when lived with others. Communities thrive when we seek to enhance and support those around us, finding their best and collaborating to co-create enduring beauty together.

To lead courageously means a willingness to go first, even if there's no guarantee that anyone else will follow. Sometimes the right thing requires defying expectations and rejecting the status quo. Always, creating a life requires us to fashion something that has never before existed. Finally, to love sacrificially means to love even when it hurts. No greater love exists than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Live like this, and more often than not, you'll leave your audience wanting more. You will create a life worth living. A life worth emulating. A story that demands a sequel.

In service,



Jeremy Del Rio, Esq.
Executive Director



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