



Embrace the unseen

**WHAT IF THE THINGS
WE SEE OR HEAR
OR THINK WE KNOW ARE
ALL MERELY ILLUSION?**

**AND WHAT IF TRUE REALITY
LIES IN WHAT WE'RE NOT
SEEING OR HEARING OR
ACKNOWLEDGING?**

The TEDxKC Team and Sponsors welcome you to a time of reflection, exploration and inspiration as we consider these questions through the fascinating, wide-ranging perspectives of tonight's presenters. **Together, we embrace the unseen.**

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MARY COSIMANO

Johns Hopkins Clinical Researcher Mary Cosimano shares how great progress is being made in the fight against PTSD, depression, addiction and more, through clinical trials testing a surprising source that is offering hope and help as an effective treatment to heal hearts and minds.

 @JHPsychedelics

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MEGAN DOERR

Megan Doerr is a Principal Scientist at Sage Bionetworks, where she focuses on innovation in open science, forging strong, reciprocal partnerships between participants and researchers. A licensed genetic counselor who previously practiced at the Cleveland Clinic, she addresses the light and dark sides of modern biological consent.

 @MegDoerr

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JOSH HENGES

Josh Henges is Director of Clinical Services at Kansas City's Veterans Community Project, a community of tiny homes that allows veterans to gain stability, access counseling and integrate into the community. His mission is to solve the root causes of homelessness, requiring us to think differently about the issue.

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BARMAK HESHMAT

Dr. Barmak Heshmat is an optical physicist, entrepreneur and former MIT Media Lab Scientist. He explores the links between science fiction, art and invention, and his research dives into technology that changes the way we look at the world. For the first time ever, he's sharing a demo of a 3D desktop display.

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ERIKA NELSON

Curator of The World's Largest Collection of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things, Erika Nelson is an independent artist and professional wanderer. She explores the nooks and crannies of the U.S., seeking out the odd and unusual and gathering stories of people who build outsider art environments.

 @worldslargestthings

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ROBERT PRENTNER

Currently at the Department of Cognitive Sciences at UC Irvine, Dr. Robert Prentner conducts research in consciousness studies, molecular physics, natural and artificial intelligence, and philosophy. His current project is “Consciousness and the Emergence of Objects.” He’ll share a new way of scientific thinking about human consciousness.

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LOUIE SCHWARTZBERG

Award-winning filmmaker and advocate for the natural world, Louie Schwartzberg tells stories that celebrate life and reveal the mysteries and wisdom of nature, people and places, by taking us into worlds that are invisible to the human eye. His greatest satisfaction comes from creating works that have a positive effect on the future of the planet.

 @louieschwartzberg

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AMY WINGER

Amy Winger writes poems for herself and grows tomatoes for everyone. She had the honor of taking care of her father as he progressed through dementia. Amy is a graduate of Cornell College, with a degree in American Studies and Writing. In her day job, she is a deep thinker and Chief Strategy Officer for a global marketing services firm.

 @AmyWinger

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JESSICA PAIGE

Jessica Paige is a master storyteller, translating personal experience into music that is sophisticated, diverse in its influences and instantly relatable. Her voice has been described as equal parts Norah Jones and Janis Joplin, an uncommon union of sultry warmth and raw power.

📷 @jesspaigemusic



BARNABY BRIGHT

Both classically trained, Nathan and Becky Bliss describe their most recent album, “This is Life,” as smart pop with an authentic Americana stamp, not the other way around. It speaks to where they’ve been, who they are, what they want and where they’re going.

📷 @barnabybright



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