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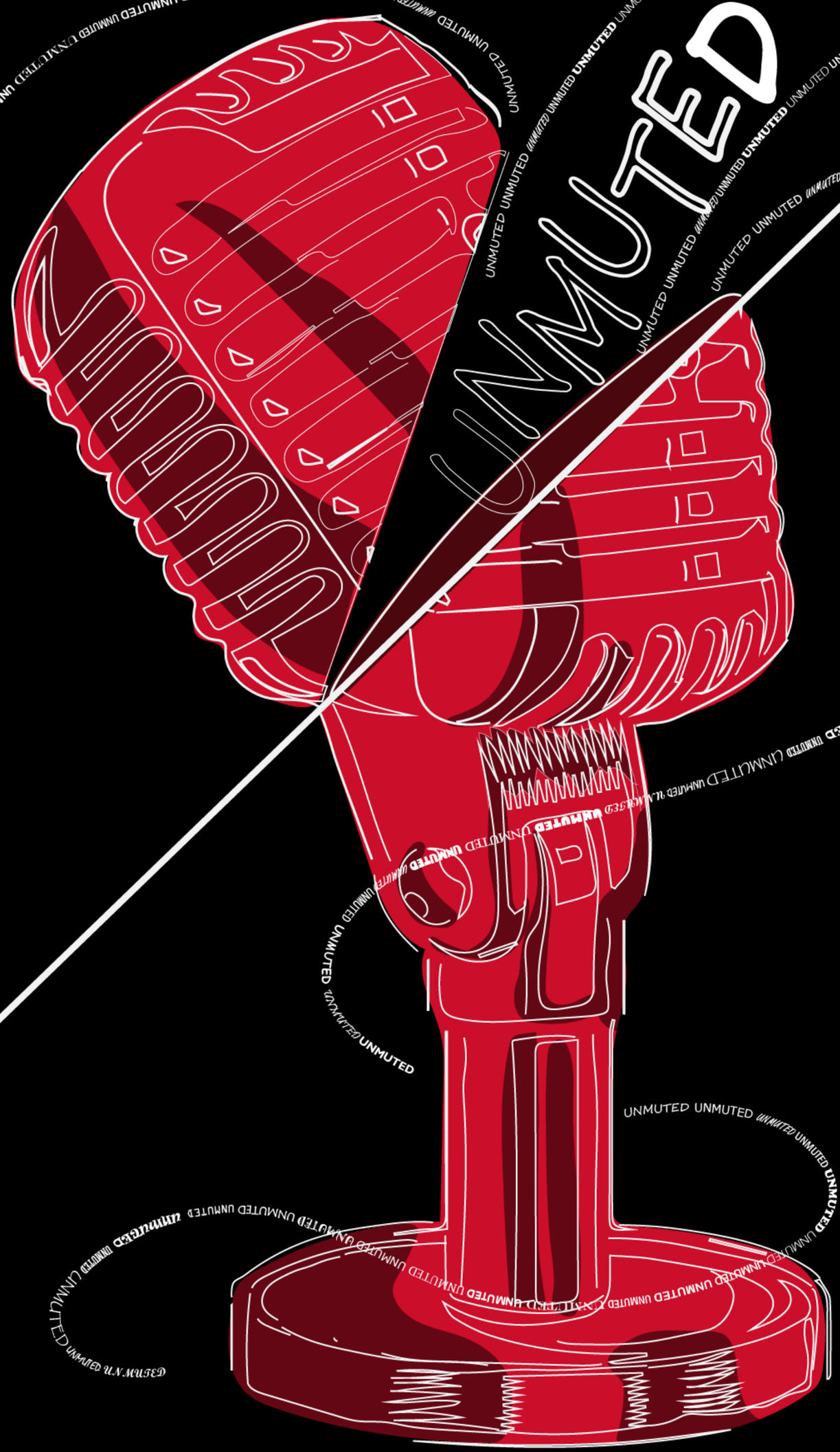

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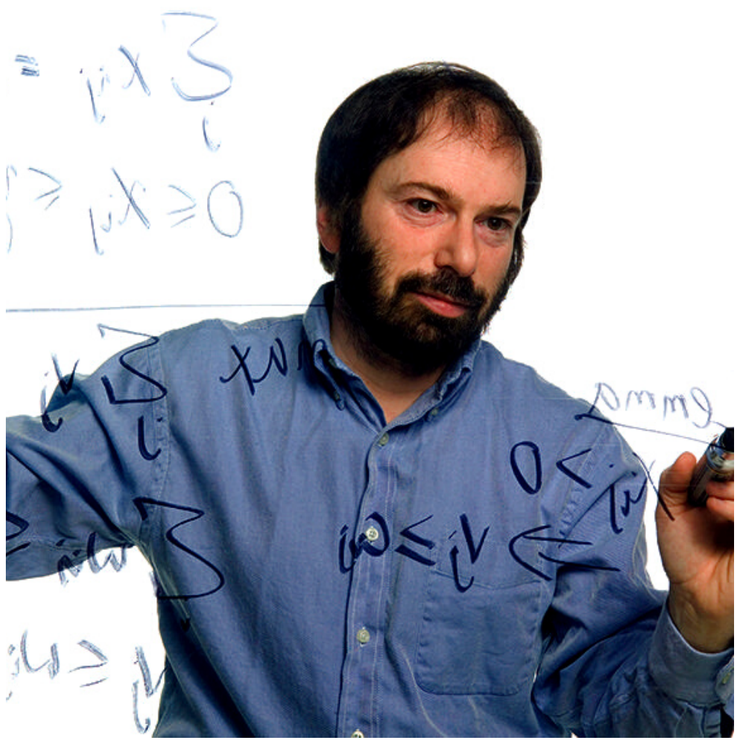

Welcome to Unmuted:TEDxCornell's 2022 Conference! This is our first in-person conference since the pandemic and the TEDxCornell team has been hard at work all year to put together today's event!

Our theme highlights the fact that we have had to adjust to our circumstances through social distancing and virtual meetings, unable to properly express our ideas and our stories. Unmuted celebrates our speakers' stories and experiences as they are able to be open, outspoken, and unmuted.

Enjoy the show!
- the TEDxCornell team

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NATHAN LAURENZ

Nathan is a senior at Cornell concentrating in entomophagy, the practice of edible insects. He has worked for insect production companies in Europe and Asia and held a lifelong passion for insects. His TEDxCornell talk titled "Save the World: Eat a Bug" will focus on his journey through entomophagy and why he believes insects are the future of food.

Save the World:
Eat A Bug

KARIN STERNBERG

Your Love Stories:
The Secret to Happiness in Romantic Relationships

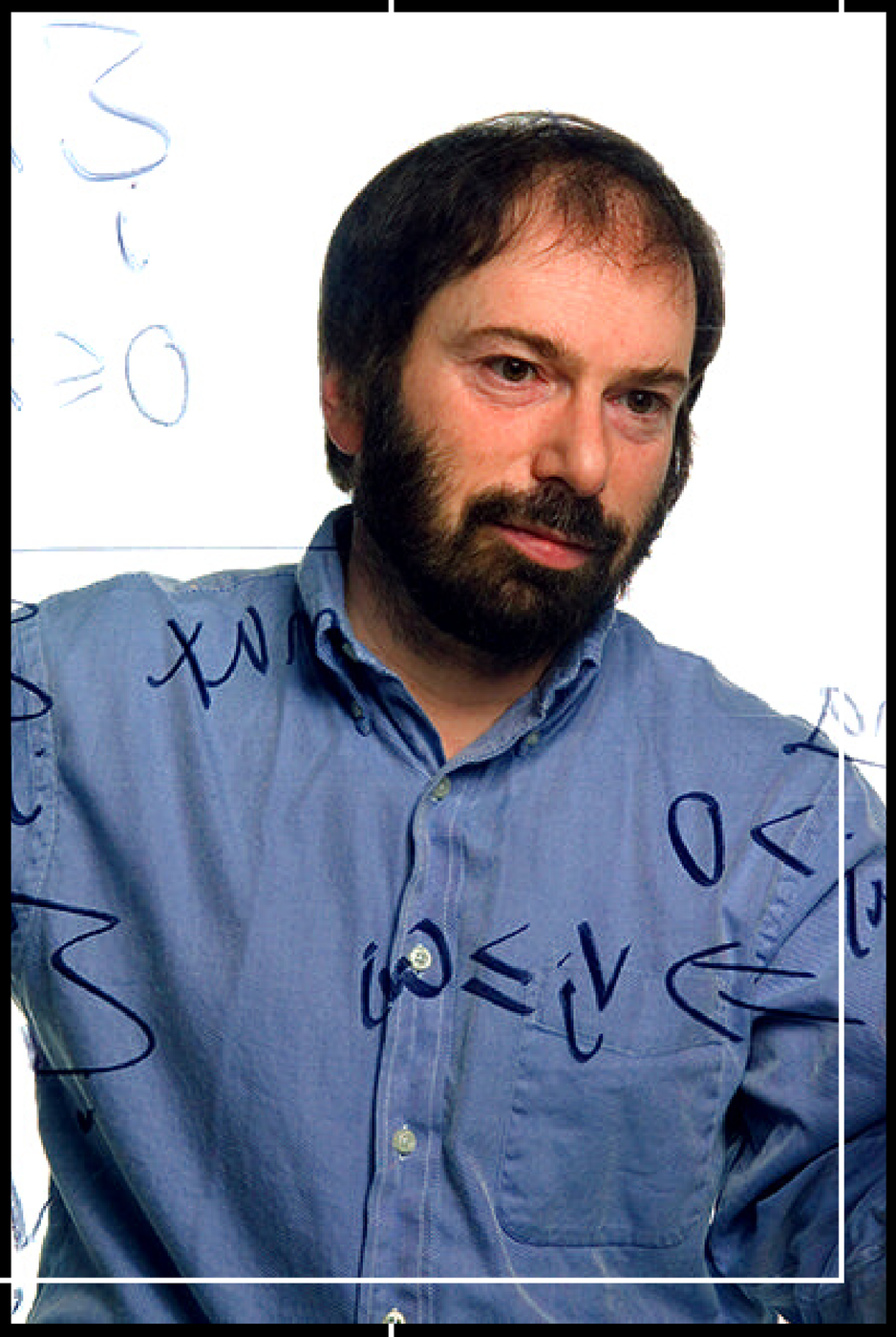
Dr. Karin Sternberg is a researcher and entrepreneur based in Ithaca, NY. She has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, as well as an MBA from the University of Cooperative Education in Karlsruhe, Germany. She completed some of her doctoral research at Yale University and her postdoctoral work at the University of Connecticut. Afterward, she worked as a research associate at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and School of Public Health. She has held a grant from the National Institutes of Health for the development of a cognitive training program for seniors.

Dr. Sternberg's interest focuses on the application of psychological/behavioral research with the purpose of improving people's lives. She is currently finishing a child-development textbook with Oxford University Press, slated to be published in the fall of 2022. She is also the owner of a company that applies psychological principles to real life, focusing on relationship improvement (https://lovemultiverse.com).

Dr. Sternberg is the author of a textbook on the psychology of love, *Love 101*, and coauthor of *The Psychologist's Companion*, *Cognitive Psychology*, *The Nature of Hate*, as well as coeditor of *The New Psychology of Love*, amongst other books.

DAVID SHMOYS

David Shmoys is a professor of operations research and computer science at Cornell, who is passionate about teaching the fundamentals of optimization modeling and algorithms to his students. In his research, he uses optimization models to help the world run better, in settings that range from improving the operations of Citibike, to long-term forestry planning to protect the red-cockaded woodpecker, an endangered species. In his TEDxCornell talk "Fairness Through Algorithmic Thinking: Designing Better Congressional Districts and Elections," he will discuss optimization tools to create fairer congressional districts, as well as designing rules for this that are more resilient to partisan manipulation.

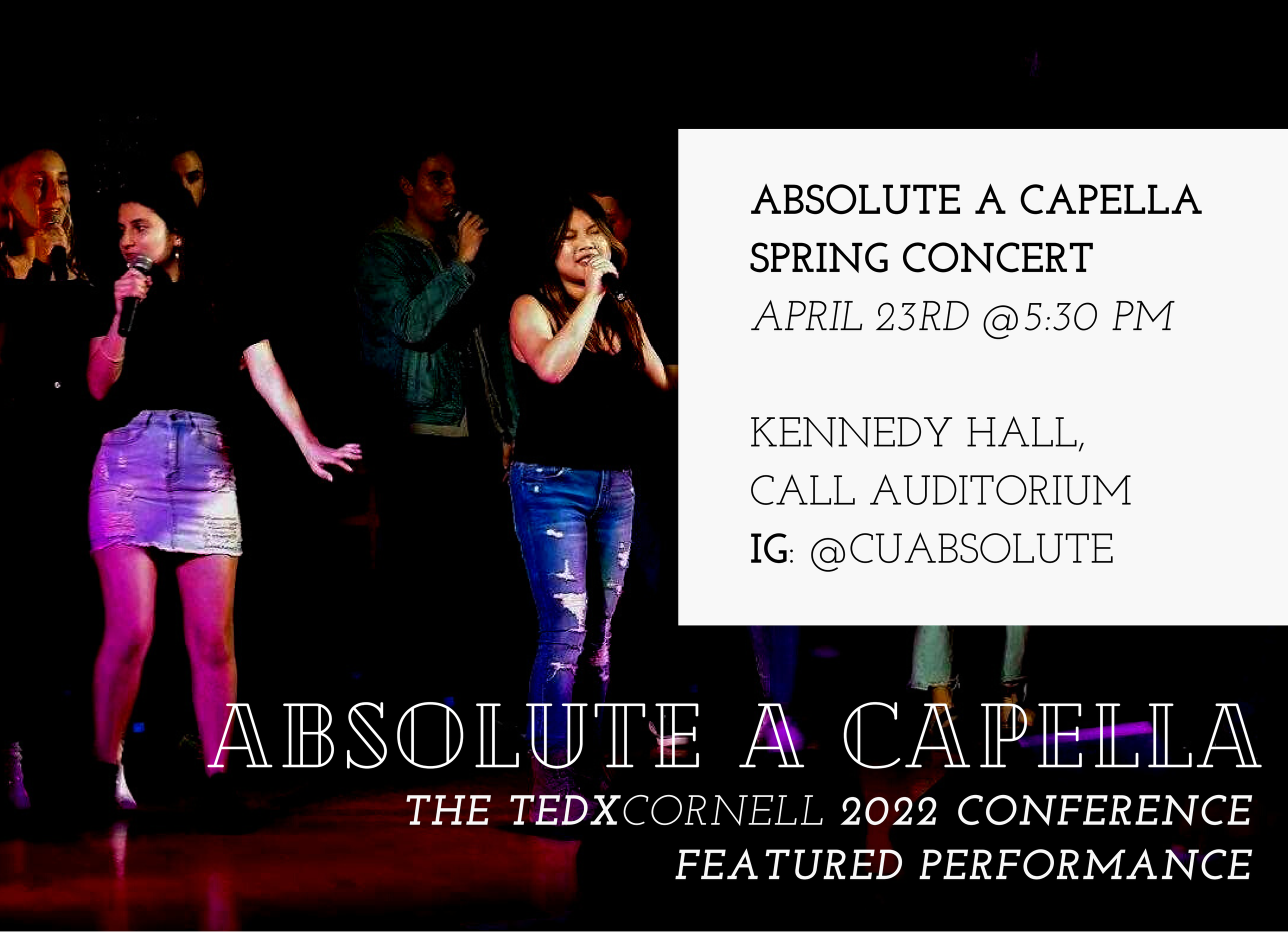


Fairness Through Algorithmic Thinking: Designing Better Congressional Districts and Elections

DYDINE UMUNYANA

Dydine Umunyana Anderson is an author of Embracing Survival and survivor of the Rwandan genocide against the Tutsis. Dydine co-founded **Umuco Love**, a non-profit that provides educational programs to raise awareness and understanding of the connections between all people through cultural storytelling. Her TEDxCornell talk will explore the power of storytelling and its positive impact on trauma healing.

The Power of Cultural Storytelling



ABSOLUTE A CAPELLA SPRING CONCERT

APRIL 23RD @5:30 PM

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Established in 2001, Absolute A Cappella was founded on the core values of singing, friendship, aca-bopping, and pineapples. Absolute is always finding exciting new ways to sing and perform, and most importantly, have fun while doing what they love. Absolute will be having their Spring semester concert on **April 23rd at 5:30 PM**. Tickets can be purchased at *buytickets.cornellabsolute.com*.

CARSON TAYLOR

How I Learned to Accept My Autism Diagnosis

Carson transferred to Cornell as a sophomore after a year at a military college, and was diagnosed with autism shortly after. Since then, he has been an advocate for neurodiversity on campus, serving as Co-President of the Disability Awareness Union, Cornell's undergraduate association for students with disabilities and their allies. His TEDxCornell talk "How I Learned to Accept My Autism Diagnosis" focuses on the journey to accepting neurodiversity as a part of our identities.

RAJ SUCHAK

Raj Suchak is an author and entrepreneur who started 2 companies with zero funding and sold his first startup to a large publicly-traded consulting company. For his start-ups, Raj has hired people based on grit from companies like Wegmans, Subway, and others, and mentored them to become technical experts. In his TEDxCornell talk titled "You Are More Than Your Resume," Raj hopes to inspire those looking for job opportunities to show their grit rather than just relying on resumes and cover letters.

You Are More Than Your Resume

MATTHEW DICKS

Matthew Dicks is an elementary school teacher and the internationally bestselling author of several books including *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend* and *Storyworthy: Engage Teach, Persuade, and Change Your Life Through the Power of Storytelling*. He's the founder and artistic director of **Speak Up**, a Hartford-based storytelling organization that produces shows and a weekly podcast, and teaches storytelling to corporations, nonprofits, universities, and more. He loves eating ice cream cake, playing golf poorly, tickling his children, staring at his wife, and not sleeping. Matthew's TEDxCornell talk will talk about the hidden powers of storytelling.

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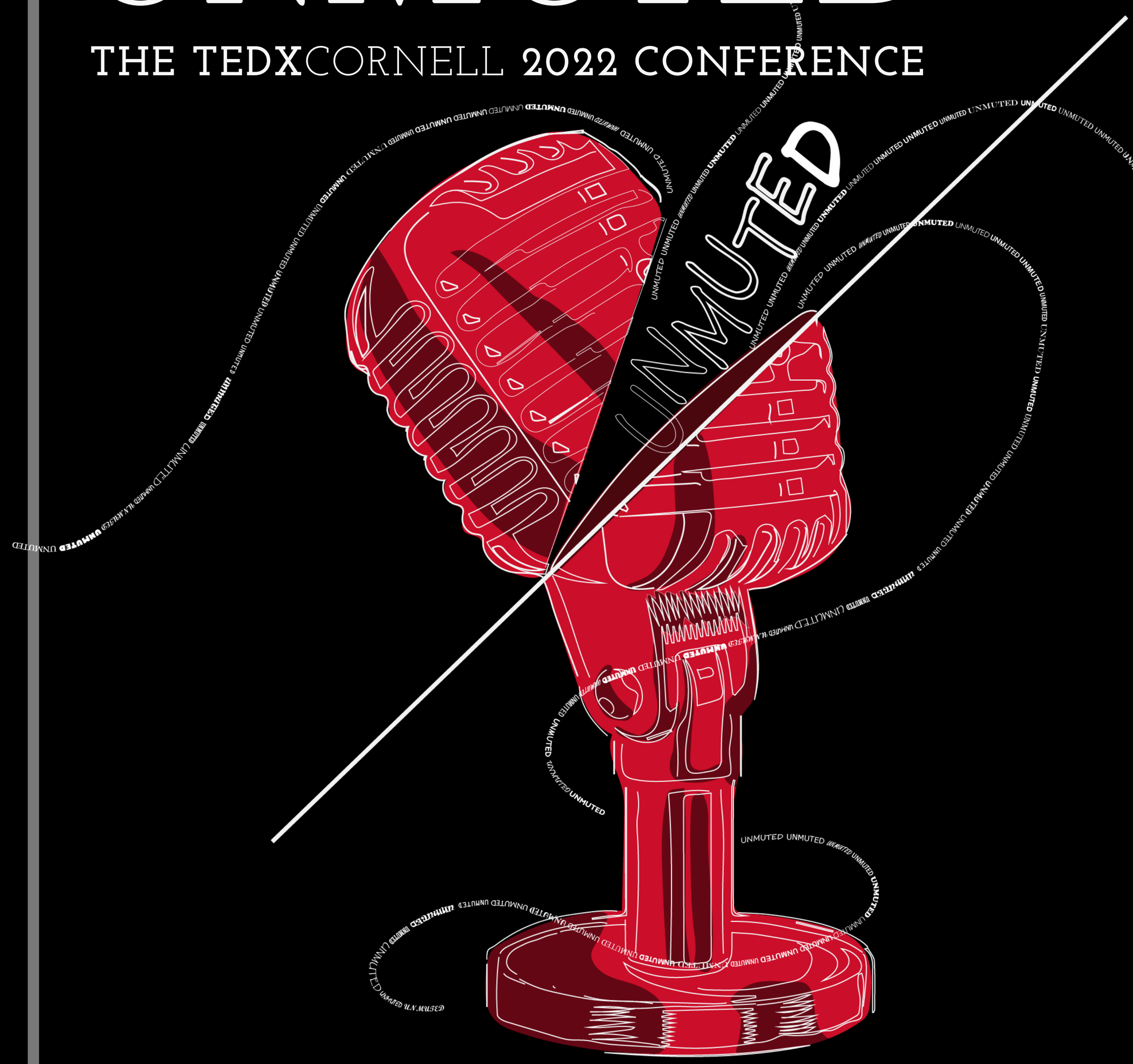

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