



# Welcome to **TED<sup>x</sup>**Portland

**x** = independently organized TED event

TED is an annual event that brings together the brightest minds of our generation to share their ideas with a curated audience of open-minded individuals. Based on any number of subjects, these "TED Talks", are then made available online for free so that their ideas may be spread throughout the world.

TEDx was created in the spirit of TED's mission, "ideas worth spreading." The program is designed to give communities, organizations and individuals the opportunity to create TED-like experiences at the

local level through their own event. Since the program's creation, more than 10,000 TEDx events have spread throughout the world in places like Dubai, Tokyo, Antarctica and, of course, here in Portland.

TEDx has been here in Portland since 2011 and, thanks to the wonderful team of organizers, every year has been a rousing success.

**EVENT SCHEDULED:  
Keller Auditorium  
MAY 5, 2016  
8:00 - 18:00**

**theme:**  
**"MARKED"**



**MARKED 2016**

To be "marked" is to be clearly visible or evident, in other words to be unique.

Dear Michael Cunningham,

I'm honored to invite you to speak at TEDx Portland, an independently organized TED event happening in May of 2016. I am a huge fan of your book – and the way you speak about how male writers can write good female characters – and would be so excited if you would join us.

TEDx Portland is a full-day event being curated by TEDx Portland organizers, with an audience of about 20,000 in Keller Auditorium. Our goal is to bring together bright minds to give talks that are idea-focused, and on a wide range of subjects, to foster learning, inspiration and wonder – and provoke conversations that matter.

Your talk would be filmed and an edit will be hosted on the TEDx YouTube channel. Just as with all speakers, we would work together ahead of time to craft the talk. Your talk could be up to 15 minutes, on any themes or topics you're interested in.

TEDx Portland is tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2016. We believe your voice would be a critical addition to the TEDxPortland stage. Please let us know by December 6, 2015 whether or not you'd be interested in speaking. Thank you for reading, and we very much look forward to hearing from you. TED is an annual event that brings together the brightest minds of our generation to share their ideas with a curated audience of open-minded individuals. Based on any number of subjects, these "TED Talks", are then made available online for free so that their ideas may be spread throughout the world.



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