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**ONE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES
YOUSPEAK RADIO SEASON 3
TO RELEASE JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024**

**OUTWORDS Partners with Education Program to Present
High School Student Interviews
With Six LGBTQ+ Activists & Role Models**

Preview Interviews at Virtual Listening Party on July 25

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Los Angeles, CA (July 24, 2024) — One Institute announced today that season three of Youspeak Radio will launch starting on July 31, 2024. The project will highlight six intergenerational conversations between LGBTQ+ high schoolers and adult trailblazers. One Institute will host a free virtual listening party featuring previews of each episode to take place on **Thursday, July 25, 2024**. Listen to the 2024 audio trailer [out now](#).

Youspeak Radio, an educational initiative from One Institute, equips students with the audio storytelling, oral history, and interview skills necessary to bring stories to life. Their interactions with queer and trans adults offer insights into the community's past and ignite students' passion for changemaking. For this third season, One has partnered with The Outwords Archive (OUTWORDS), a Los Angeles-based organization dedicated to capturing, preserving, and sharing the stories of LGBTQIA2S+ elders.

"Connecting LGBTQ+ elders and youth through in-depth conversations goes to the very heart of our mission," said Mason Funk, founder and executive director of OUTWORDS. "We greatly appreciate One Institute for creating Youspeak Radio and for welcoming OUTWORDS as their production partner for Season Three."

Interviews will be released as audio stories on a weekly basis starting July 31 through September 4. The student participants will share reflections on their experience in [Youspeak Radio](#), alongside an excerpt from their podcast episode, at the Season Three [Listening Party](#) on **Thursday, July 25, 5 p.m. PT on Zoom**.

RSVP for the free event at oneinsitute.org/youspeakradio2024

The LGBTQ+ trailblazers featured in the 2024 [Youspeak Radio](#) episodes include: trans health advocate and indigenous artist **Marcus Arana**; novelist, playwright, and poet **Jewelle Gomez**; artist and indigenous language activist **L. Frank**; drag entertainer and community activist **Donna Sachet**; Chicano artist and AIDS activist **Joey Terrill**; and educator and Santa Monica's first out-lesbian mayor **Judy Abdo**.

"As a new generation of LGBTQ+ youth reimagine what it means to be queer and trans, they are grounding themselves in the joy and struggles of the past," said Trevor Ladner, Director of Education Programs at One Institute. "By leading these conversations with LGBTQ+ elders, our youth are active participants in preserving our community's histories while celebrating the lives our elders."

"I know as a queer youth, I really respected and looked towards the gay and lesbian elders in Los Angeles who helped me come to grips with my self-esteem and my

identity,” said Joey Terrill, Chicano artist and 2024 Youspeak Radio interviewee. “That’s why I’m really pleased to be part of this intergenerational conversation.”

One Institute offers a wide range of innovative education programs focused on curriculum development, K-12 teacher training, and youth mentorship that empower the next generation of students and educators. Learn more about one’s mission to inspire transformative stories of LGBTQ+ history at oneinstitute.org/education.

Youspeak Radio 2024 is made possible with support from the Dwight Stuart Youth Fund.

About One Institute

Founded in 1952, One Institute (formerly ONE Archives Foundation) is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the United States. One Institute produces one-of-a-kind exhibitions and public programs that elevate queer and trans history and embrace emerging stories. Through K-12 teacher trainings, lesson plans, and youth mentorship programs, One empowers the next generation of teachers and students bringing queer and trans history into classrooms and communities. Additionally, the Institute assists in promoting the materials within ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, which houses the largest collection of LGBTQ+ materials in the world.

The curatorial and educational choices made by One Institute are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ+ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes. Learn more at oneinstitute.org, and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @[oneinstitutela](https://www.instagram.com/oneinstitutela).

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If we do not show up on issues, on personal issues as well as more societal issues, nothing will change. We will have no power to make a difference.

JUDY ABDO
SANTA MONICA'S FIRST
OUT-LESBIAN MAYOR AND
EDUCATOR



YOUSPEAK RADIO



When the Blue Fairy came down and turned Pinocchio into a real boy. That was the first time I got excited about the possibility of being a real boy. And I had to wait another 33 years.

MARCUS ARANA
TRANS HEALTH ADVOCATE
AND INDIGENOUS ARTIST



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We are no longer thinking of the others and what they need to learn. We are going to take care of ourselves. And self-care means language. Self-care means your culture, what has fed your people from the beginning of time.

L. FRANK
ARTIST AND
INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE
ACTIVIST



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I'm always trying to deliver that sense of possibility. And my writing is to show what those possibilities are.

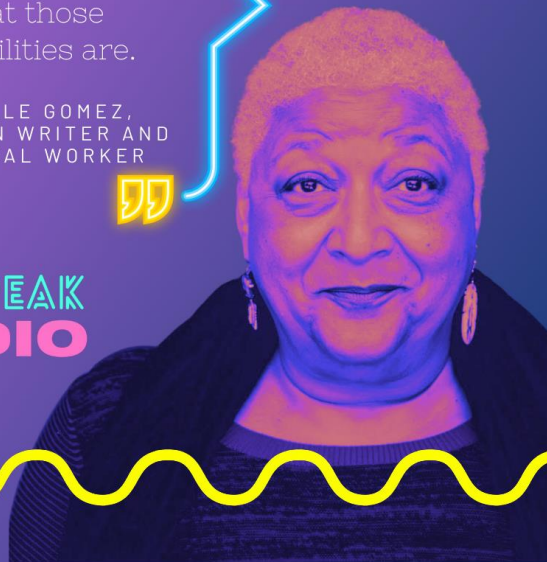
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