



# WRITE OUT LOUD

## WRITE OUT LOUD Announces 10<sup>th</sup> Season of Story Concerts Old Town Theatre, 4040 Twiggs Street, San Diego

**Monday, July 18th: San Diego: \*\*\* FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*\***

**Write Out Loud** - an organization founded in 2007 with a commitment *to inspire, challenge and entertain by reading short stories aloud for a live audience* - announces their 10th Season of Story Concerts. The Season begins on August 22nd with **Twain v. Clemens**, on the heels of **Write Out Loud's** annual **TWAINFEST**.

WOL held their first reading at North Coast Repertory Theatre in 2007 and began their first season in the fall of 2007 in Cygnet Theatre's then Rolando Space. Their Season of Story Concerts now takes place at Old Town Theatre.

**Write Out Loud** brings literature to life - *aloud* - with rehearsed readings by professional actors. Each program explores specific themes by weaving a variety of stories, poems and sometimes music together into a literary tapestry. A complimentary reception at 6:15 precedes each performance at 7:00 pm. Local favorites - Linda Libby, Ron Choularton, Jason Heil, Jessica John Gercke, David Fenner and many others join Co-Founders Walter Ritter and Veronica Murphy throughout the Season.

Murphy explains why WOL's story concerts have become so popular, "Reading is so often thought of as a solitary activity. By reading aloud with an audience we experience the emotional gamut of literature together. We embrace these opportunities to examine modern issues through the filter of classic literature. WOL has explored a vast canon of literary gems since we started in 2007. To celebrate our 10th Season - each program will contain an audience favorite from past years."

### **TWAIN v. CLEMENS – August 22, 2016**

Explore the life, both public and private, of Mark Twain - one of America's favorite humorists. Contrast the "Literary Icon" with the "Father and Husband" through excerpts from his autobiography and his comical and warm positions on amateur writers, honorary degrees & injustices. Cast includes San Diego favorite, Jason Heil and daughter Katrina Heil.

### **SOUTHERN SENSIBILITIES – October 24, 2016**

Call them quirky, poignant, mystical or downright crazy - Stories from the American South are rich and vibrant. Stories by William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, Flannery O'Connor, Kate Chopin, Florence King, Dorothy Allison and Joseph Mitchell capture the unique flavor and color of Southern living, the significance of family, class and racial tension.

### **VOICES OF CHRISTMAS– December 12, 2016**

Enjoy the holidays with stories, poems & music from Ireland, England, America and elsewhere in the world. Live holiday music provided by The Celtic Echoes.

### **THE THINGS WE DO FOR LOVE – February 6, 2017**

Grab the people who make your heart sing and join us for stories about romance, family and the crazy things we do when we love someone. Love songs performed by local musicians round out the evening.

## **THE LAST TIME I SAW PARIS – April 17, 2017**

Embrace the love, passion and freedom in the City of Lights. The program includes stories about Paris at various moments in history by French and expatriate writers - Flaubert, Hugo, Hemingway and more.

## **THE OPEN ROAD – June 5, 2017**

What awaits when you step outside your normal routine and follow the open road? Where does an unleashed life lead? The anticipation and unknown explodes in this program of adventure stories about going, changing and moving on the open road. Stories by David Guterson, Stephen Dobyns and more.

In addition to their six show season of *Story Concerts*, **Write Out Loud** provides the community five other core programs serving over 16,000 people annually. Additional programs include *TwainFest* - a free family celebration on August 20th in Old Town, *Stories for Seniors*, *StoryBox Theatre* for elementary students, *Read Imagine Create* for teens and *Poetry Out Loud* for high school students.

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