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proudly presents *Stories* a concert series benefiting 916 Ink

Friday, November 13 at 7:30 pm

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St. John's Lutheran Church • 1701 L Street, Sacramento

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Admission free, donations accepted.

A message from the President

Welcome Everyone!

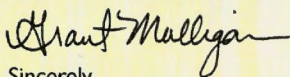
Thank you for being with us as we begin our 16th year together. With your help, RSVP has become a thriving organization, bringing to light dozens of wonderful charities serving the most needful in our communities.

In addition to donating generously to these charities, many of you have also donated directly to RSVP, and for that we are deeply grateful. Your donations to RSVP keep the lights on, the rehearsals going, and our hearts overflowing. But money doesn't solve every need, and so we have three unique volunteer opportunities. These are hands-on and a great way for you to show your support.

1. Marketing – Help us get better known in the region and boost concert attendance.
2. Events – Help us book concert venues and provide backstage concert assistance.
3. Auxiliary – Help us at concerts by handing out programs, collecting donations, staffing the back table, etc.

You don't need expertise in these areas — we'll teach you everything you need to know. Plus, you'll work alongside other fun volunteers and help your community without spending a penny. If you're interested in helping in any of these areas, we'd love to have you. Please visit the auxiliary table after the concert or contact me at the email address below.

Again, thank you for your continued support of RSVP and the charitable organizations we present, and for making our community a better place.



Sincerely,

Grant Mulligan
President, RSVP
volunteers@rsvpchoir.org

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*“Poetry makes possible the deepest kind of
personal possession of the world.”*

~James Dickey



Singers

Jennifer Reason
Artistic Director

Noreen Barnett
Monica Crumley
Aaron Gardner
Sarah Haynes
Jeremiah Jacks
Jeremy Kauffman
Grant Mulligan
Andy Paul
Sheri Peifer
Karen Percy
Lara Pucik Johnson
Joshua Ray
Eric Rosander
Jodi Serrano
Tim Stephenson
Jordan Thomas Rose
Lin Kassouni Walker

Musicians

Colin Matthewson
*trumpet, guitar,
mandolin, percussion*

Tim Stephenson
*percussion,
vocal percussion*

Jennifer Reason
piano

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Artistic Director

Jennifer Reason is a long-time singer with RSVP. She has extensive experience in the choral field and is an accomplished pianist and performer. Ms. Reason recently made her international conducting debut in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, as part of the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood. She previously

oversaw the founding of the choral arts program at George Washington Carver School of the Arts in Sacramento, and was also a founding member of Sacramento State's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, C-Sus. (Downbeat Award: Best Collegiate Vocal Jazz Ensemble, US/Canada.) For the last five years, she has enjoyed being a member of the artistic staff with the Sacramento Children's Chorus.

A widely versatile performer, Ms. Reason has shared the stage with many diverse acts including classical heavyweights Hope Briggs (San Francisco Opera), Steven Mackey (Composer in Residence, Princeton) and Holly Stell ("Little Pavarotti"); Broadway stars Faith Prince (Tony Award), Eugene Brancoveanu (Tony Award) and Jason Graae; rockers Jonathan Cain (Journey), Michael Carabello (Santana) and Jerry Martini (Sly and the Family Stone); and popular personalities such as Billy Bob Thornton, baseball's Tony La Russa and Gov. Jerry Brown. She has also appeared in solo and ensemble performances throughout Europe, the United States and Canada. Recent engagements include the Schlern International Music Festival in Italy, the Inter-Harmony International Music Festival in Germany, the Festival of Peace and Brotherhood in Italy, and appearances at Carnegie Hall and the Liszt Academy in Hungary.

Ms. Reason is a founding member of the modern chamber ensemble, Citywater—currently Ensemble in Residence at CSUS. She earned her Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance at CSUS under the tutelage of Steinway Artist Richard Cionco. Upcoming projects include a return to Carnegie Hall as well as appearances at the Orfeo International Music Festival in Italy and the Valhalla Music Festival in Tahoe.

For more information, please visit www.jennifer-reason.com.

ADULT GUEST AUTHORS

916 Ink Young Authors

Isaac Lara
Faye Cole
Laura Schelosky
Ryan Hall
Maribella Smith
Elena Calvillo
See Thao



Christian Kiefer

Dr. Christian Kiefer is the author of *The Infinite Tides*, and *The Animals*. He is professor of literature and writing at American River College, and the publisher of the college's Ad Lumens Press.

www.xiankiefer.com



Gina Mulligan

Gina L. Mulligan's short stories have appeared in many literary journals and magazines. She's won awards from the Abilene Writers Guild, San Francisco LitQuake, and the Soul-Making Keats Literary Competition. After her own diagnosis, Gina founded Girls Love Mail, a charity that collects handwritten letters of encouragement for women newly diagnosed with breast cancer. Her first novel, *Remember the Ladies*, comes out next spring. www.ginamulligan.com



Michael Spurgeon

Michael Spurgeon was residing in San Cristobal de Las Casas at the time of the Zapatista uprising. He is married to a Mexican national of Mayan origin. Michael is a professor of English at American River College. His writing has appeared in regional and national journals and is the author of two short collections of poems—*Valente's Delicate Wrist* and *Prosthetic Breath & Other Poems*. He is co-founder of 916 Ink. *Let The Water Hold Me Down* is his first novel. www.michaelspurgeon.com



Valerie Fioravanti

Fioravanti is the author of *Garbage Night at the Opera*, winner of the 2011 Sharat Chandra Prize for Short Fiction. Valerie's short stories have appeared in several literary journals. She received a Fulbright Fellowship in Creative Writing to work on a novel set in Italy, *Bel Casino*. Valerie primarily works as a writing coach, providing one-on-one feedback and mentoring to other writers. Valerie was named a "Best Friend to Fiction Writers" by *Sacramento News & Review* in the 2011 Best of Sacramento issue. www.valeriefioravanti.com



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MISSION

Creating Joyful Music to Build a Better World

Founded in 2000 by former Artistic Director Julie Adams, RSVP's mission is bringing people together through the arts and giving back to the community. RSVP nurtures the community with its highly-praised, dynamic concerts while providing concrete, financial contributions that continue to make a difference long after the applause.

Uplifting Audiences with Great Music from Schumann to Sting

The versatile singers of RSVP perform many genres, from classical choral literature and madrigals to contemporary music, freedom songs, folk tunes and jazz. Each creative and artistic concert is tailor-made for the audience and the organization being supported.

Making Tangible Contributions to Local Charities

RSVP has enjoyed collaborating with choirs, storytellers, authors and other musicians to present concerts with fresh ideas and imaginative programs. RSVP continually seeks ways to uplift audiences and support the communities it serves. To this end, all members of RSVP donate their time so that all concert proceeds go to local charitable organizations in need.

More Information

RSVP is available for private parties and special events. If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring RSVP during the season, please contact us at (916) 905-7787.

To learn more about RSVP, please visit www.rsvpchoir.org. We invite you to join our email list to find out about future concerts. CDs are on sale following each concert.



Since 2011, 916 Ink has led the effort to promote youth literacy in Sacramento by empowering youth voice. We have published over 50 books, serving over 1700 young authors in the Sacramento region.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Published over 1700 youth writers in over 50 professional books
- Received over 8000 hours of in-kind time by our team of amazing volunteers
- 92% of 916 Ink youth agree that they are writers after our workshops.
- Awarded the Inspire Giving Grant from the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce in 2015
- Won the “Arts Make it Happen” Endowment from the Sacramento Region Community Foundation
- Opened the whimsical 916 Ink Imaginarium in the closed down Maple Elementary School
- Improved writing and reading proficiencies at every grade level
- Won the People’s Choice Award and Coaches Award at Social Venture Partners Fast Pitch Program
- Provided over 1000+ hours of free writing instruction to underserved youth, ages 4-18 to improve academic confidence
- Made 3 short films written by kids about ostriches, fruit wars, and the urgency of growing up
- Invented the “What Happens Next” machine
- Co-founded the Walk 4 Literacy Coalition

The literacy revolution is fueled by generous giving from people like you. We do our best to keep our workshops free, especially when serving marginalized or underserved youth.

www.916ink.org

► Please make checks payable to 916 Ink

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Adolfo Program and Project HOPE
<http://dhaweb.saccounty.net/homeless/laVerneAdolfo.htm>
Project HOPE: 448-5621 x30

Beacon of Hope, Louisiana
www.lakewoodbeacon.org

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www.fullercenter.org

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Golden State Middle School
www.wusd.k12.ca.us

Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento
www.crhkids.org

Foothill Volunteer Center—Meals on Wheels
www.seniorsfirst.org/meals_on_wheels.htm

Rebuilding Together
www.rebuildingtogethersacramento.org

Adopt an Elder
www.adoptanelderfoundation.com

Peace for Families
www.peaceforfamilies.org

Mustard Seed School
www.sacloaves.org/programs/mustardseedschool

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Sacramento Food Bank Services
www.strength.org and www.sfbs.org

Literacy Support Council of Placer County
Placer Adult Literacy Service
www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/Library/adultliteracy.aspx

Keaton Raphael Memorial
for Neuroblastoma
www.childcancer.org

Sacramento Children's Home
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