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WOMEN'S FUND OF DOOR COUNTY STORY SLAM TICKETS AVAILABLE MARCH 15TH

Sturgeon Bay, WI., March 6, 2024— The Women's Fund of Door County will present its 11th annual Tales of Our Lives Story Slam on Saturday, April 20. This year's event includes an exciting new collaboration with Northern Sky Theater, which will host the performance at its Gould Theater.

"Northern Sky Theater is honored to partner with the Women's Fund of Door County for their Tales of Our Lives event this year," says Holly Feldman, Northern Sky Theater managing director. "I've been attending the event annually and was a 'slammer' for the first Tales of Our Lives. Our mutual commitment to storytelling is a perfect match for Northern Sky Theater, and we can't wait to witness these beautiful stories in our Gould Theater."

As in previous years, five storytellers will take the stage to share their stories. Each tale will be accompanied by the music of Cathy Grier and will revolve around a unique experience, relationship, or life lesson that has left a profound mark.

"Storytelling is such a powerful tool that helps us understand one another," says Markie Bscherer, Tales of Our Lives chair, and Women's Fund of Door County board member. "This year's storytellers take us on a powerful journey weaving strength, resilience, and hope into every story."

This year's storytellers include:

- Katie Dahl: Dahl will reflect on her adolescence and the grief she holds onto after learning to accept her feelings as a young adult.

- Allison Haus: Haus will tell a story about unexpected events that completely changed the course of her life while working on her post-doctorate in France.
- Jewel Peterson Ouradnik: Peterson Ouradnik tells a story about growing up on her family's resort in Rowley's Bay, which she and her husband owned until the devastating fire in 2023. She recounts that harrowing day and the difficult decision to ultimately sell the resort.
- Mel Ripp: Taking the stage for the third time, Ripp shares a journal excerpt from when she was 22 years old and in graduate school.
- Georgina Saunderson Hatch: Saunderson Hatch's story begins when she was a young girl growing up in Jamaica and continues to present day as a mother with two children with special needs.

Storytelling begins at 7pm followed by a reception.

Tickets cost \$30 each and can be purchased directly from Northern Sky Theater's Box Office beginning March 15. The Women's Fund of Door County looks forward to an evening of inspiration and connection.

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About the Women's Fund of Door County

The Women's Fund of Door County began in 2009, when a group of visionary Door County residents asked, "How can the Door County community change the lives of women who struggle and offer hope for a better, more secure life?" With a vision of "when she thrives, we all prosper," the Women's Fund builds, enriches, and nurtures the lives of women and girls through collective wisdom and philanthropy. In its 15 years as a component fund of the Door County Community Foundation, the Women's Fund has awarded more than \$800,000 in grants and supported more than 100 programs throughout the peninsula. For more information, visit the Women's Fund website at <https://womensfunddoorcounty.org/> or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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