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## TEDxBerkeley's 2014 Event Boasts 20 Inspirational Speakers for Feb. 8 Event

BERKELEY, Calif.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--The fifth annual [TEDxBerkeley](#), which will be held at Berkeley's [Zellerbach Hall](#) on Saturday, February 8, 2014, will feature 20 inspiring and innovative speakers and performers who will address this year's theme *Rethink, Redefine, Recreate*.

From education and healthcare to the monumental shifts we are seeing across technology, digital entertainment, sustainability, communications and the environment, the goal of this year's event is to open up a global conversation around innovative ideas and transformations that happen when we don't follow the status quo. The speaker and performer line-up for 2014 includes the following thought leaders and visionaries:

**Kare Anderson**: Kare is *Say it Better Center* founder, an Emmy-winning former NBC and *Wall Street Journal* reporter, columnist for *Forbes* and *Huffington Post*, and a translator of neuroscience research which improves how we connect and collaborate.

**Nikki Borodi**: Nikki is a musician, clown, aerial acrobatic, yoga instructor and artist who is in the process of writing a circus rock show to inspire people to manifest their dreams.

**Vangelis Chaniotakis**: Vangelis, who dreams of starting his own circus troupe, has been training on partner acrobatics since 2011 while also dabbling in hand balancing, tumbling, and static trapeze.

**Brenda Chapman**: Brenda was formerly a story artist at Walt Disney Feature Animation, story supervisor on *The Lion King*, helped launch DreamWorks Animation Studios and created, wrote and directed for Pixar Animation Studios including Golden Globe winning *Brave*.

**Dr. Al Greene**: Dr. Greene is Medical Director at HealthTap, former President of The Organic Center, founding partner of the Collaborative on Health and the Environment and his site [DrGreene.com](#), cited by the AMA as "the pioneer physician Web site", has received over 80 million unique users.

**Roberto Hernandez**: Roberto co-directed and produced a documentary film which was nominated for three Emmy Awards and won an Emmy for Outstanding Investigative Journalism as a result of the film's success in implementing an amendment to the Mexican Constitution.

**Sarah Hillware**: Sarah is an outspoken advocate for young women's health and women's empowerment and founder and director of [Girls Health Ed.](#), a health education program for girl youth ages 8-17.

**Beth Kanter**: Beth is a well-established international leader in nonprofits' use of social media and her book "The Networked Nonprofit" introduced the sector to a new way of thinking and operating in a connected world.

**Guy Kawasaki**: Guy is special advisor to the Motorola business unit of Google, former chief evangelist of Apple and a prolific author with 12 books under his belt.

**Leslie Lang**: Leslie is the Senior VP and General Counsel of Microclinic International, a global health nonprofit that is revolutionizing how chronic diseases are prevented and managed in under-resourced communities around the world.

**The California Golden Overtones**: The California Golden Overtones are an all-female completely student-run A Cappella group on the UC Berkeley Campus, which has been around for over 20 years.

**Yonat Mayer:** Yonat and her band Yonat & Her Muse have shared the stage with artists such as post rock musician Fink and singer-songwriter Foy Vance.

**Ted Miguel:** Ted is the Oxfam Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics and Faculty Director of the Center for Effective Global Action at the University of California, Berkeley, where his main research focus is African economic development.

**Paul Rucker:** Paul's work as a visual artist, composer, and musician combines media that integrates live performance, sound, original compositions, and visual art, and incorporates human rights issues, historical research, and basic human emotions.

**Carol Sanford:** Carol is the Founder and CEO of The Responsible Entrepreneur Institute and author of multi-award winning, *The Responsible Business: Reimagining Sustainability and Success* and *The Responsible Entrepreneur: Four Game Changing Business Archetypes*.

**Dutta Satadip:** Dutta heads up Sales Support for the Americas region at Google, where he is responsible for driving operational efficiencies and customer service across a multi-billion dollar portfolio of over 100 products.

**Randy Schekman:** Randy is an investigator of the [Howard Hughes Medical Institute](#) and a Professor of Cell and Developmental Biology at the University of California, Berkeley, where his research is focused on the process of membrane assembly, vesicular transport, and membrane fusion. Schekman won the 2013 Nobel Prize for Medicine or Physiology.

**Tim Shields:** Tim is a desert biologist who has traversed a number of miles equivalent to circumnavigating the Earth and founder of Green Light Enterprises, now Hardshell Labs, which provides solutions to how to make conservation not only meaningful but fun.

**Brian Sirgutz:** Brian is the Senior Vice President of Social Impact at AOL/Huffington Post Media Group, where he leads all aspects of the company's Social impact, CSR, business development and social innovation content and engagement strategy.

**Ashley Stahl:** An award-winning advocate for women in security, Ashley is Manager of the Enterprise Risk Management Center at Control Risks where she leads a team who advises companies on how to protect their personnel and assets from security threats in hostile environments around the world.

### **Behind The Scenes:**

Erin Roberts is curator, assistant researcher at the [Energy Biosciences Institute](#), MEDLIFE Executive Board Member, and student of Public Health and Global Poverty. R. Jennifer Barr is co-curator and Social Media Marketing Manager for Cisco's Corporate Social Responsibility and [Renee Blodgett](#), is co-curator and founder of [Magic Sauce Media](#) and [We Blog the World](#), an online [luxury travel](#) culture and [travel adventure](#) magazine.












### **About TED and TEDx:**

[TED](#), which stands for Technology, Entertainment and Design, is an annual event where the world's leading thinkers and doers are invited to share what they are most passionate about across subject areas that are collectively shaping our future. In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, **TEDx** is a program, independent from TED, of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience and TEDxBerkeley, a 501c3, is now in its fifth year. For more information, visit: [www.tedxberkeley.org](http://www.tedxberkeley.org) and on Twitter [@tedxberkeley](#).

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