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TEDxFulbright Invites the Public to listen to inspiring stories of "Fights Worth Fighting."

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Washington, DC — TEDxFulbright, to be held September 26 at the Broad Stage in Santa Monica, will showcase an amazing partnership between TEDxTalks and the Fulbright Association. The day will showcase profound stories and remarkable world changing ideas by Fulbrighters, all streamed to an international audience. "TEDxFulbright is the perfect marriage of medium and content. The ever expanding TED format provides the ideal platform for global citizens to share Fulbright ideas worth spreading," explains Kristina Hahn, one of the event's Curators.

The day will feature TEDxTalk videos, 18 original speakers, one Hollywood star Dolph Lundgren, a famous mathematician Solomon Golomb, and several gifted artists. In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. TEDxFulbright will welcome up to 500 alumni, current grantees, and friends to the nation's city that started TED, to brainstorm on social innovation, stimulate rich conversation, and connect deeply through a shared commitment to the Fulbright Vision. More than 80 countries will be represented by speakers and participants, guaranteeing a most exhilarating exchange of hope, insight, and passion.

Charged, succinct presentations from dynamic speakers, memorable performances, a dedicated sponsors and recruiters networking expo area, StoryCorps booth will make for a rich and stimulating day—including a catered lunch, and a champagne reception in the evening. The event has been developed by an international team from the Fulbright Association, serving the global alumni network of the scholarship program. "The Fulbright Association is the official alumni association of the Fulbright Program in the U.S. We are very excited to host this event in Los Angeles in partnership with our Greater Los Angeles

Chapter at the contemporary Broad Stage facility in Santa Monica," comments John Vogel, President of the Fulbright Association, Board of Directors.

This year's TEDxFulbright hosts include, Laura Trombley, *President- Huntington Library, Mark Twain Scholar, and VP Foreign Fulbright Scholarship Board (FFSB),* and Debra Levine, *a* former modern dancer, and now editor/publisher of **arts•meme**, the fine arts blog she founded in 2008.

Sponsorship video featuring Renowned Broad Stage Architect Renzo Zecchetto and Hollywood star Dolph Lundgren can be viewed here: <u>tedxfsm.com/joinfulbright</u>

Full speaker roster and bios and images are available at <u>www.tedxfulbright2015.com</u>

Pre-registration will close on Thursday, September 25. Onsite registration will be available as of 7:30am on September 26.

Online: <u>http://www.tedxfulbright2015.com/and http://www.ted.com/tedx/events/15775</u> and <u>www.fulbright.org</u> Twitter: <u>twitter.com/tedxfulbright</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/TEDxFulbright</u>

TEDxFulbright will be livestreamed and live-Twitted using the hashtag #fightsworthfighting

Licensed by TED to highlight the vision of the Fulbright Program for international understanding and proactive community engagement, TEDxFulbright is a one-day interdisciplinary conference for Fulbright alumni and internationally-minded members of the public guided by the theme "Fights Worth Fighting" and organized by the Fulbright Association. Additional sponsors include New York Film Academy, Western University of Health Sciences, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Loyola Marymount University, Morgan Stanley, and Executive Speaking Success.