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**TMI Project presents *Stories for Choice: A Night of True Storytelling for Reproductive Justice*,
on what would have been the 50th anniversary of Roe v. Wade**

KINGSTON, NY --December 15, 2022 -- TMI Project is proud to announce *Stories for Choice: A Night of True Storytelling for Reproductive Justice*, on Sunday, January 22, 2023 (what would have been the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark case, Roe v. Wade), at 7pm, EST at Senate Garage in Kingston, NY, with virtual attendance possible via livestream. *Stories for Choice* features an international cast of 11 storytellers who will be traveling to Kingston from Mexico, Cameroon, and across the US for the performance. The performance is a culmination of a 10-session workshop series in which storytellers crafted personal, true stories about reproductive justice, as part of TMI Project's overarching *Stories for Choice* program. Featured guests include V (formerly Eve Ensler), founder of V-Day and award-winning author of *The Vagina Monologues*, and a musical performance by artist and activist Kanika.

Stories for Choice uses radically true stories that include the TMI parts we usually keep to ourselves because of fear, shame, stigma, or cultural expectation — to ignite human connection, challenge the status quo, and inspire storytellers and listeners alike to take action for true reproductive justice. The performance will be accessible to an all-inclusive audience as well as partner organizations who can sign up to host free viewing parties that are paired with a strategic storytelling and action toolkit to share with audiences around the world.

The workshop was led by four TMI Project workshop leaders Perla Ayora, Hayley Downs, Raine Grayson, and Dara Lurie. *"I grew up in a time and place where I took my reproductive freedoms for granted,"* said Lurie. *"Watching those freedoms rapidly eroding in this country is infuriating. Working with these 11 inspired storytellers, I feel lifted up by the honesty, humor, and courage of their stories, each one shedding light on the different ways that people – of all ages and backgrounds – still struggle to feel safe, seen, and at home in their bodies."* Hayley Downs also noted, *"If we view the story of reproductive justice as a monolith, we miss the point and the power. These storytellers span generations, professions, ethnicities, gender identifications, and sexual orientations. It is through the sheer multiplicity of their stories, bravely and honestly told, that we understand any challenge to Roe v. Wade is a grave and existential threat to us all."*

Schools, Universities, reproductive justice-gearred organizations, and groups of any kind can sign up to host a viewing party of the performance. TMI Project will supply marketing materials and a Storytelling and Action Toolkit for all hosts, to inspire their audiences to take action. Eva Tenuto, co-founder and executive director of TMI Project *"Silencing people has long been a tool used by those in power to maintain their status, which is why true storytelling has been and remains a vital component of social justice movement building. Nothing gives me deeper satisfaction than knowing we're using TMI Project's methodology to speak truth to power to protect our reproductive freedom."*

The 11 storytellers who were chosen for the workshop and will be featured in the performance include Victoria Leigh, Maura Alia Badji, Ashly Lorenzana, Charlene Modeste, Frida Vidrio Mendoza, Shannon Flynn, KT Kennedy, Nakinti Besumbu Nofuru, Antonia Marrero, Sofia Bonnet Jaimes, and Erin Dudley.

“My great-grandmother Alberta Butler passed in a ‘backyard’ procedure in the 1930s. I want to tell my story as a Black queer non-binary person who’s had two abortions while also honoring my ancestors.” - storyteller KT Kennedy

“I live in Cameroon, Central Africa where abortion is illegal. The horrible experience I went through at the hands of a quack abortion “specialist” nearly cost me my life. I want to come to New York to share honestly about my experience because I haven’t talked about it much. People need to know what is happening around the world.” - storyteller Nakinti Besumbu Nofuru

To learn more, visit: <https://www.tmiproject.org/storiesforchoice>.
Tickets available 11/28/22.

ABOUT TMI PROJECT

TMI Project’s mission is to help craft and amplify radically true stories to ignite human connection, challenge the status quo, and inspire both storytellers and listeners to take action for positive social change.

Since 2010, TMI Project has led more than 100 true storytelling workshops and staged live storytelling performances by over 2,000 storytellers, which have been presented to audiences of nearly 200,000 people in schools, colleges, prisons, mental health clinics, theaters, community centers, the United Nations, and online.

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