

MEETING NOTES

Inaugural Meeting – September 18, 2020

LGBTQ+ & Allies Tessitura User Group

Virtual Meeting began at 12:02 PM MST

In Attendance:

Co-Leaders:

Stephanie Derybowski, Colorado Symphony – Denver – Loves Rupaul's Drag Race, The Golden Girls, her wife, & her dog and cat

Josh Landis, The Cleveland Orchestra – Ohio – Loves his kids and Don Draper

Emily Winkelman, Tennessee Performing Arts Center – Tennessee – Loves Disney and is getting married soon

Jeremy Painter, Tennessee Performing Arts Center – Tennessee – Also loves Disney and is former cast member

Kyle Schulte, Tessitura Network – Canada – Loves his cats

Kayla Hayes, Colorado Symphony – Denver – Loves cats and skiing

Meredith Woolard, Tessitura Network – Georgia – Loves her 2 year old son

Michael Flaherty-Wilcox, Tessitura Network – Minnesota – Loves sewing and his daughter

Jeff Cass, Tessitura Network – Chicago – Loves his dog, Levi

Dale Aucoin, Tessitura Network – NYC – Loves live music & theatre

Brian Graham, Tessitura Network – DC – Loves The Golden Girls

Emmaus Smith, Marbles Kids Museum – North Carolina – Brand new Tessi client and loves Dr. Who

Chris Willmeth, Tessitura Network – Loves traveling, Mario Kart on Switch, & The Golden Girls

Maery Simmons, Michigan Opera Theatre – Michigan – Recently moved from Seattle and highly recommends the Syfy show, Winona Earp

Justin Kurtz, Tessitura Network – Denver – Loves skiing, coding, & reading

Goals & Objectives:

As part of the introductions process, everyone expressed why they wanted to be a part of this group. This sparked our conversation for goals and objectives. The consensus of those in attendance is that this group should serve as a safe space to build community and networking opportunities.

- Networking
- Authentic role models
 - Invite others to speak (or volunteer yourself) and discuss living openly queer and authentic within their/your career
- Representation
 - Visibility for queer Tessitura/tech career seekers
- Support system
- Safe space to ask questions
 - Begin a private [Slack Channel](#)
- Social Interaction
 - Playing off of significant interest in The Golden Girls, a suggestion was made to have a “Golden Hour” for meetings moving forward, rather than the overused Happy Hour.
 - Shareable watchlist or playlist of what we’re all currently watching/reading/listening to. See next section, Recommended Media.

Recommended Media

- The Golden Girls, Series, Hulu
- Shameless, Series, Netflix
- Sam Jay, Stand-up, Netflix
- RuPaul’s Drag Race, Series, Hulu, Amazon Prime, or WowPresents
- Winona Earp, Series, Syfy and Netflix
- Pose, Series, Netflix
- P-Valley, Series, Starz
- Lost, Series, Hulu or Amazon Prime
- Madmen, Series, Amazon Prime
- The Handmaid’s Tale, Series, Netflix | The Handmaid’s Tale, Novel, Margaret Atwood

Next Meeting:

The group decided to try out meeting on a monthly basis – 3rd Friday of the month. Next month’s meeting will likely include a queer speaker as our first “authentic role model”. We’ll try out a later start time so folks can participate in “Golden Hour”. Cheers!

Save the date: **Friday, October 16, 2020 at 4:30 EST**

Virtual Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM MST