

# MEETING NOTES

October 16, 2020

LGBTQ+ & Allies Tessitura Community User Group

*Virtual Meeting began at 2:30 PM MST*

## **In Attendance:**

Stephanie Derybowski, Colorado Symphony

Mary French, Cincinnati Ballet

Chris Willmeth, Tessitura Network

Rob Warner, Colorado Symphony

Meredith Woolard, Tessitura Network

Justin Foo, LA Phil

Emily Winkelman, Tennessee Performing Arts Center

Joel Ambrose, City Theatre Company (Pittsburgh)

Michael Knight, Opera Philadelphia

Michael Flaherty-Wilcox, Tessitura Network

Kristen Olson, Tessitura Network

Dale Aucoin, Tessitura Network

Amanda Cantu, Colorado Symphony

## **Meeting Overview**

After basic housekeeping, each person in attendance gave a brief introduction including sharing their recommended media (see below). Discussion followed about bi-monthly “Media Room Discussions” surrounding a chosen media, to be consumed ahead of time on our own. This would allow for further, more in-depth discussions that included anyone with interest. The planning committee took further recommendations after the meeting adjourned and decided upon *Disclosure* as the first pick.

**Featured Speaker:** Kristen Olson, from the Tessitura Network, was the inaugural Authentic Role Model. She told her coming out story and shared insight into working and living authentically.

Notable advice from Kristen:

- Never let your job become your identity
- Change in an organization/job takes time
- It's ok to leave a company if it no longer aligns with your values

## Recommended Media

- **Disclosure, Movie, Netflix**
  - *This is the November Media Room Discussion pick!*
- RuPaul's Drag Race, Series, Hulu, Amazon Prime, or WowPresents
- Ratched, Series, Netflix
- Gender Reveal, Podcast, [genderpodcast.com/listen](http://genderpodcast.com/listen)
- Emily in Paris, Series, Netflix
- The Haunting of Bly Manor, Series, Netflix
- Marvel's Runaways, Series, Hulu
- Pride, Movie, Amazon Prime
- Sordid Lives, Movie, Hulu
- Six Feet Under, Series, HBO
- Hannibal, Series, Netflix
- Pose, Series, Netflix
- The Great Believers, Novel, Rebecca Makkai
- The Boys in the Band, Movie, Netflix
- Tig, Movie, Netflix
- Hannah Gadsby: Nanette, Stand-up, Netflix

## Next Meeting:

The group decided to continue meeting on a monthly basis – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Next month's meeting will be our first Media Room Discussion surrounding the documentary film *Disclosure* (available on Netflix).

Save the date: **Friday, November 20, 2020 at 2:30 MST**

*Virtual Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM MST*