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STORYCORPS ANNOUNCES 2024 MOBILE TOUR

StoryCorps' MobileBooth, an AirStream Trailer Converted into a Mobile Recording Booth, Will Travel to 10 Locations Across the U.S., Recording the Stories of Everyday Americans

Brooklyn, NY—December 20, 2023 – <u>StoryCorps</u>, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of people from all backgrounds and beliefs, today announces the itinerary for the **2024 StoryCorps Mobile Tour**. Over the course of the year, StoryCorps will visit 10 cities nationwide. Participants will have the option of recording in person or remotely, using StoryCorps' free recording tools.

On the Mobile Tour, facilitated recording sessions are offered to the public free of charge, and can be booked online at storycorps.org/mobile-tour. Reservations are usually available approximately two weeks before the Mobile Booth's arrival in each location. StoryCorps partners with local public radio stations, which air a selection of the interviews (with participant permission). In many cases, the stations also create special programs around the project. Upon arrival, the MobileBooth parks at a collaborating local cultural institution or community-based organization to help encourage participation. What follows is the 2024 itinerary.

StoryCorps Mobile Tour Schedule 2024

January 10 - February 10, 2024 / Memphis, TN / WKNO
February 15 - March 15, 2024 / Fort Myers, FL / WGCU
March 21 - April 19, 2024 / Columbia, SC / South Carolina Public Radio
April 25 - May 24, 2024 / Charlotte, NC / WFAE
May 30 - June 28, 2024 / Pittsburgh, PA / WESA
July 5 - August 2, 2024 / Brattleboro, VT / Vermont Public
August 8 - September 6, 2024 / Philadelphia, PA / WHYY
September 12 - October 4, 2024 / Huntington, WV / WVPB
October 10 - November 8, 2024 / Knoxville, TN / WUOT
November 11 - December 13, 2024 / New Orleans, LA / WWNO

The Mobile Tour plays a critical role in realizing StoryCorps' mission by bringing the experience directly to individuals and the communities where they live. Since 2005, the Mobile Tour has recorded thousands of meaningful conversations in cities and towns in all 50 U.S. states.

StoryCorps CEO Sandra M. Clark said, "The StoryCorps Mobile Tour is integral to our effort to record and preserve stories reflecting the vast diversity of the American experience, and to remind people of the humanity we share with the people around us, regardless of their particular background and beliefs. We're grateful to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for their ongoing support of the tour, to the generous community partners with whom we collaborate in each community, and, most of all, to the people who come into the MobileBooth to contribute their voices."

During a StoryCorps interview, two people record a meaningful conversation about who they are, what they've learned in life, and how they want to be remembered. A trained StoryCorps facilitator guides them through the interview process step by step and after each 40-minute recording session, participants can access the interview through StoryCorps' free Online Archive. With participant permission, their conversation is also archived at the Library of Congress's American Folklife Center for future generations to enjoy and learn from.

StoryCorps may also share edited versions of select interviews collected throughout the tour via its <u>NPR</u> <u>broadcasts</u>, <u>podcast</u>, <u>animated shorts</u>, digital platforms, and best-selling books.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is the Founding Partner of the StoryCorps Mobile Tour.

About CPB

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), a private, nonprofit corporation authorized by Congress in 1967, is the steward of the federal government's investment in public broadcasting. It helps support the operations of more than 1,500 locally owned and operated public television and radio stations nationwide. CPB is also the largest single source of funding for research, technology and program development for public radio, television and related online services. For more information, visit cpb.org, follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn and subscribe for email updates.

About StoryCorps

Founded in 2003, StoryCorps has given over 650,000 people, in all 50 states, the chance to record interviews about their lives. StoryCorps helps people believe in each other by illuminating the possibility and humanity in us all—one story at a time. The award-winning organization preserves the recordings in its archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered. These powerful human stories reflect the vast range of American experiences, engender empathy and connection, and remind us how much more we have in common than what divides us. StoryCorps is especially committed to capturing and amplifying voices least heard in the media. The StoryCorps MobileBooth, an Airstream trailer that has been transformed into a traveling recording booth, crisscrosses the country year-round gathering the stories of people nationwide. Learn more at storycorps.org.

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