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Philadelphia**



# SEE NO STRANGER

*2023 DARE TO UNDERSTAND AWARDS CEREMONY*



**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023 — 7:00<sup>PM</sup>**

**A HYBRID EVENT**

**JOIN US IN PERSON AT BRYN MAWR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

625 MONTGOMERY AVENUE, BRYN MAWR, PA

**OR ONLINE VIA LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE**

# HONORING VALARIE KAUR

Founder of the Revolutionary Love Project, Lawyer,  
Civil Rights Leader, Educator, Best-Selling Author,  
Award-Winning Filmmaker, Innovator, Renowned  
Speaker, Sikh American, Mother, Woman Warrior

Join Interfaith Philadelphia as we step into Revolutionary Love, honoring Valarie Kaur for her commitment to reclaim love as a force for justice.

After September 11, 2001, interfaith leaders in the Philadelphia region came together to *dare to understand* one another, rejecting the reaction of fear that emerged in the United States and ultimately founding Interfaith Philadelphia. Meanwhile, across the country in California, Valarie Kaur chose the same path: as a young adult, galvanized by the news of her fellow Sikhs' murders across the country, Valarie turned to activism and the power of film, healing herself from within then turning to those around her.

What is the intersection of religious understanding and social justice? How does our faith inspire us to action? How do we care for ourselves while standing up to wrongdoing? Kaur tackles these questions and more in her work. As we *dare to understand* one another, Valarie urges us to go one step further and *see no stranger*. With her Sikh heritage as an inspiration in her justice work, Kaur encourages us to love others, love opponents, and love ourselves through her book *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*.

We are honored to present the 2023 *Dare to Understand* Award to Valarie Kaur as she guides us to exemplify Revolutionary Love, declaring this the call of our time.

Valarie Kaur's book, *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, will be available for purchase.

## AN OUTLINE OF THE EVENING

### **DARE TO UNDERSTAND AWARDS CEREMONY**

7:00<sub>PM</sub>

Honoring **Valarie Kaur**, including a  
keynote and a Q&A

### **DESSERT RECEPTION**

8:00<sub>PM</sub>

Join us on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Awards presentation, and for events exploring her book *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love* in the months leading up to and following the Awards.



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## ABOUT THE HONOREE

**Valarie Kaur** is a civil rights leader, lawyer, award-winning filmmaker, educator, and founder of the Revolutionary Love Project. Valarie became an activist when a Sikh father and family friend was the first person murdered in hate violence in the aftermath of 9/11. For two decades, in his memory, Valarie has led visionary campaigns to tell untold stories and change policy on issues ranging from hate crimes to digital freedom. Her work ignited a national movement to reclaim love as a force for justice. Today, the Revolutionary Love Project is seeding networked communities of practice across the country to build the beloved community. In Fall 2022, President Biden honored Valarie at the White House in the first-ever Unifiers Ceremony, naming her as one of 16 leaders whose work is healing America. A daughter of Punjabi Sikh farmers in California, Valarie lifts up her vision for America in her acclaimed TED Talk and #1 LA Times Bestseller *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*.

EXCERPTS FROM *SEE NO STRANGER: A MEMOIR AND MANIFESTO OF REVOLUTIONARY LOVE* —

**LISTENING DOES NOT GRANT THE OTHER SIDE LEGITIMACY. IT GRANTS THEM HUMANITY—AND PRESERVES OUR OWN.**

**SEPARATION IS AN ILLUSION. WE ARE PART OF ONE ANOTHER.**

**THE WAY WE MAKE CHANGE IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE CHANGE WE MAKE.**

**DEEP LISTENING IS AN ACT OF SURRENDER. WE RISK BEING CHANGED BY WHAT WE HEAR.**

## ABOUT THE **DARE TO UNDERSTAND® AWARD**

Interfaith Philadelphia's *Dare to Understand®* Award honors individuals, communities, and businesses of distinction, that have championed the work of interfaith engagement and understanding across lines of difference. Awardees lead their communities by example, demonstrating humility, curiosity, and respect, qualities imperative in interfaith work.

## ABOUT **INTERFAITH PHILADELPHIA**

Since 2004, Interfaith Philadelphia has served the Philadelphia region, building relationships and bridges with and among diverse communities. Through immersive programs, like our *Mosaic* summer program, trainings and workshops such as *Difficult Conversations*, or our facilitation of critical tables, including the region's *Religious Leaders Council*, we continue to challenge Philadelphians to *dare to understand* one another.

This is vital work. In times often characterized by division, misunderstanding, hatred, and violence, Interfaith Philadelphia sets a large table, inviting all to listen respectfully and share authentically. We are proud to do this work in the birthplace of religious freedom, and to have over 500 religious, civic, and corporate partners who believe in this vision.

THANK YOU TO ARTIST KRISTA BARD FOR THE GENEROUS DONATION OF THE *DARE TO UNDERSTAND®* AWARD, A PRINT ENTITLED "UNDERSTANDING"

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