

<u>2nd Annual PreXFenway Winners: Deepti Navaratna, Haril Pandya, Bette Ann Libby</u> May 7, 2015



Bette Ann Libby, Shard Stories
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Deepti Navaratna, Alchemy of Sound: Cultural Diplomacy Through Music

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Haril Pandya, Death of the Corner Office: The Fluid Future of the American Workplace

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The 2nd annual PreXFenway featured talks by nine individuals from a wide-array of backgrounds who spoke about their passion for building social movements, pin-pointing the desires of Millennials and the emerging GenZ, bridging distinct culture through the universality of music, and, in general, sharing their thoughts on how they are contributing to the evolution of society.

The event drew around 100 attendees interested in hearing TED-style talks, and took place at the beautiful, historic Boston University Theatre, the Huntington Theatre Company's main stage. PreXFenway was also featured as an ArtWeek event, an initiative celebrating unique arts events in Boston organized by Citi Performing Arts Center.

A judging panel selected Haril Pandya, AIA, Principal at CBT Architects, and Deepti Navaratna, Musician/Neuroscientist/Cultural Entrepreneur; Founder and Director of Carnatic Alchemy Project, as the two winners to move onto **TEDxFenway:**

Agitate/Innovate/Evolve on May 19 at Berklee College of Music. Panel members included Founder and Executive Director of Revolution of Hope David France, Executive Director of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation Rick Tagliaferri, President of The Boston Conservatory Richard Ortner, Host, Reporter, & Producer of The Curiosity Desk, Boston Public Radio – 89.6 WGBH, Edgar B. Herwick III, and TEDxFenway Committee Member Elena Marsland.

Joining Haril and Deepti, Bette Ann Libby, *Mosaic Artist, Founder/Sculptor at Studios Without Walls and CommunityMosaics.com*, was voted by the audience as the Audience Favorite. She, too, will speak at *TEDxFenway: Agitate/Innovate/Evolve*.

To find out more about the winners, and the rest of the TEDxFenway program, please visit www.tedxfenway.com.

Photos and videos from PreXFenway will be available soon, so stay tuned.