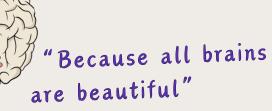


# Celebrating Neurodiversity with Kind Theory – Luncheon



In Honour Of - Autism Acceptance Month

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# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024

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, Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with Kind Theory

# Autism Acceptance Month

pril has arrived, bringing with it the start of Autism Acceptance Month. It's a significant time where we move beyond just recognizing autism and strive to create tangible change.

Our goal is to ensure that all autistic or neurodivergent have access to the support they need to thrive in the community. This includes resources, accommodations, and safety measures because everyone deserves to feel included and supported, and safe.

Autism Acceptance Month is incredibly important because it's about more than just raising awareness. It's about embracing and including everyone regardless of the differences. Proper representation of autistic people during this month and beyond is extremely important because it helps challenge the stigma, misconceptions, and taboos that surround autism. When we fail to represent the diverse experiences and voices within the autistic community, we perpetuate harmful stereotypes and marginalize autistic individuals. By showcasing diverse stories and perspectives, we can foster greater understanding, empathy, and support within our communities, ultimately creating a more inclusive and compassionate society for all. And that is why, we are looking forward to our upcoming event.

As part of our ongoing commitment, we're so excited to announce our upcoming event, **Celebrating Neurodiversity with Kind Theory - Luncheon**. on **April 28th**, **2024**. We will be celebrating the day with various autistic performers, showcasing their unique talents and contributions. It's an opportunity for our community to come together and celebrate the richness of diversity in all its forms.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the McKinney City Council in Texas for their unwavering support of Kind Theory and our mission to promote autism acceptance. Their support empowers us to continue our efforts to create a more inclusive society where everyone is valued and respected. 

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# Thankyou, McKinney City Council



We sincerely express our gratitude to the McKinney City Council, Texas for their invaluable support of Kind Theory and our efforts towards autism acceptance.

We're really grateful for your backing for our upcoming event, Celebrating Neurodiversity with Kind Theory - Luncheon.

Your proclamation of April as Autism Acceptance Month is a significant step, and it means a lot to us as it helps us spread understanding and inclusivity in our community.

Your support encourages us to keep working towards acceptance and support for neurodivergent people, particularly Autistic people. We're proud to partner with you to make our society more inclusive and caring. Thank you for making a difference with us.

# Upcoming Events



## Sunflowers....Because not all disabilities are visible.



# Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with us!



Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM!



Painting with a Twist (McKinney Studio) 3201 S Hardin Blvd STE 204, McKinney, TX 75070, United States.

### **TO REGISTER**





# CELEBRATING NEURODIVERSITY

## **Understand Autism**

Through a lens of Neurodiversity

### Challenge Stereotypes & Stigma

Presume Competence

#### Meet Autistic Adults and Children

Promote Understanding,
 Acceptance and Inclusion

# **Enjoy Autistic Talent**

- Featuring our EMCEE Taylor Heaton (Mom on the Spectrum)
- Debuting as a Non-Speaking Song Writer - Hasan Ahmed
- Young Autistic Artist & Singer -Ashvita Kunder
- Autistic Neurodivergent
  Performer Briley Casserilla
- Autistic Keynote Speaker -Lauren Melissa Ellzey
- Neurodivergent Artist Drew Whitaker

12P

12PM - 2:30 PM CST

Sunday, April 28th 2024

Venue: The McKinney Cotton Mill <mark>610 Elm Street 75069</mark>

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# MARCH Highlights



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#### **INITIATION CHALLENGES**

Initiation of an activity is hard for those like me. Like a faulty remote control that stops working when you want to watch something widely anticipated, our body's control system stops working at inopportune times. The result can potentially be our motivation coming into question and stereotypes about us perpetuated.

#### **BY SWARIT GOPALAN**



#### **BY HASAN AHMED**



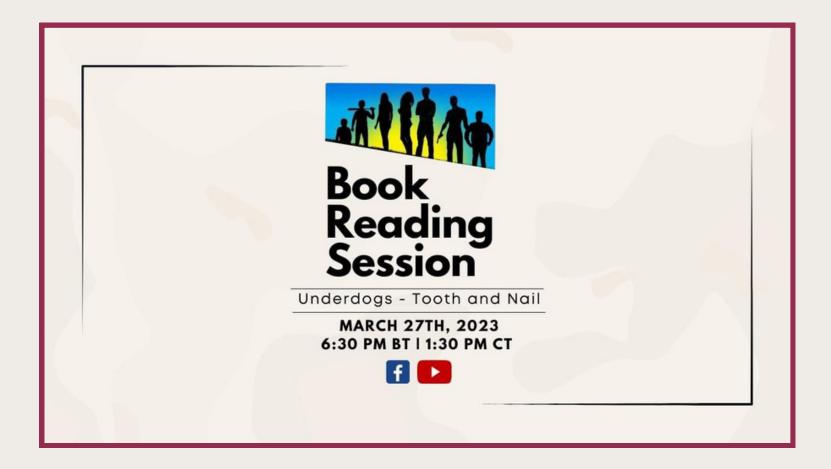
#### PLACES AND ME

I feel walls breathe. I feel like doors smile. I love windows with curtains because they are naughty and play with me and the wind all the time. The houses I have lived in are like people; they listen a lot but don't speak, just like me.



# **Book Reading Session**

#### with Chris Bonnello



We had another great book reading session of the **Underdogs - Tooth and Nail**, with Chris Bonello on March 27th! If you couldn't make it live, don't be sad! You can catch the recordings on our Facebook and YouTube page. Stay tuned for details on the next episode you won't want to miss it