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ASSISTING STRUGGLING PERFORMING ARTISTS THROUGH LAUNCH OF VIRTUAL WORKSHOP SERIES

SALT LAKE COUNTY, UT / Virtual – Story Crossroads received an email from international storyteller Simon Brooks that caused a monthly virtual workshop series to launch on Labor Day. Simon attended a virtual workshop created due to COVID, was impressed, and wished to be associated with the nonprofit arts organization. Simon, along with many performing artists, struggle and adapt to this historic time to keep careers afloat.

Since Simon Brooks left the Herefordshire College of Art and Design having studied photography and graphic design, he has photographed many things, from brand new state-of-the-art Carmichael firetrucks to factories, bottles of Glenfiddich Whisky & Lea and Perrins Worcestershire Sauce, buildings and bathrooms, over 300 weddings, and portraits galore. His images have been captured both on location and in the studio. Blending this, his passion now, and his full-time job as professional storyteller for the last seventeen years, Simon Brooks brings his "**Breaking Boundaries of the Screen: Presenting On-line**" workshop to Story Crossroads.

Simon Brooks began working as a professional photographer in 1981. He was lucky enough to photograph Ben Kingsley and John Cleese, but has photographed for more non-celebrities. His photography work has included clients such as Lea and Perrins, the BBC, Carmichael Trucks, Wedgewood Pottery, Ultratone, Survival International, Knight, Frank & Rutley, Vital Communities, Parks and Recreation Departments, and Northeast Storytelling. Simon has performed and presented workshops at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesboro, TN; Timpanogos in UT; the Florida Storytelling Festival; at the Confabulation at Northlands; at the National Storytelling Conference; and at Sharing the Fire - the Northeast Storytelling Conference and Festival.

WHAT: All Things Story Virtual Workshop Series - "Breaking Boundaries of the Screen: Presenting On-line"

WHEN: Labor Day, September 7, 2020, 9:00am-10:30am MDT

WHERE: Your Computer/Zoom

COST: Sliding Scale Tuition, \$5 minimum, \$25 suggested donation, on up to \$50

AUDIENCE: Geared for adults though also appropriate for teens

For more information, please visit: <http://www.storycrossroads.org/AllThingsStory>

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