

Betsy Foldes Meiman*

MEDIA
PROFESSIONAL



Work

2017-Present- CEO
CoFounder/Creative Producing
Director/Connectopod Learning
501c3-

- Curriculum creation, podcast director/producer/host, grant writing, web design, project development, teaching director

Connectopod streams wherever you get your podcasts as well as Spotify and KPFK.org

1997-Present Professional Voice Over
artist/narrator

- present representation by CESD-LA (past: ICM, SBV and WME)
- 5 star narrator of films, books, and tv series,
- Highlights: Library of Congress with Film Forum, first female announcer for ABC:This Week, Served on Aftra Board 2003
- extensive resume and demo reels on BetsyFoldesMeiman.com partial client list:
Discovery/Animal planet, PBS, Sony, Nickelodeon, ABC news, WNBA, SNL, Conan

Pre 1997 jobs that were formative

- 3 years Austrian National Tourist Office NY-writer, travel consultant
- 10 years production dresser Haute Couture fashion shows NY (Tit and Pit days)
- 20 years NY theatre/improv/writing/film
- 2 years Hudson Vagabond Puppets creating giant puppets, teaching mask-making and mythology to elementary students
- 8 years KaDan Productions set building for NY Fashion Shows
- 10 years waiting tables/bartending in NYC

Projects

Connectopod partnership with Los Angeles Public Library's Performers Program for YA

- on going youth podcasting workshops at (8 branches so far)
- 'What's Cooking'series at Canoga Park 6 wk program
- Pacoima Rising 4 podast series with local leaders
- Rancho Park Teens Leading Change podcast
- LAPL Canoga branch with LAUSD Canoga Park HS youth narration / Poe's The Tell Tale Heart to engage IEP learners.

Changing the Narrative (CTN)-Annual series collobarting with youth to challenge stereotypes and create nuanced and accurate narratives of their communities

- CTN-Inglewood with The Social Justice Learning Institute, collaborators: Producer Gabe Evans (AFV) Social media marketer Jessica Jewel Lanier, graphic designer Eduardo Salazar. 5 episodes
- CTN-Pacoima with LAUSD Vaughn Next Century Learning collaborators: gr818ers, Assembly Member Luz Rivas, Muralist Levi Ponce, VG artist Elle Newlands, Yesenia Cruz youth organizer for Pacoima Beautiful. 13 episodes
- CTN-Unhoused Youth with The Village Family Services drop in Center, North Hollywood Current season in progress, culminates with mural collaboration with Levi Ponce

2011 directed/produced "Reckoning with Torture" PEN/ACLU/SMAA/IJUCP

Awards

Grants and Recognition

- 2018, California Arts Council Public Media arts grant with SJLI
- 2019 California Arts Council Public Media Arts grant
- 2017,18,19 Tiger Baron development grant
- 2019 NBC 4/Telemundo Project Innovation Grant (with The Village Family Services)
- 2019 Max Factor Family Foundation operating grant (with TVFS)
- UCLA/Janssen Cancer center covid relief operating
- 2019, 2021 Friends of the Library creative project development grant
- commendation from US Congressman Tony Cardenas for Changing the Narrative Pacoima
- MEND Volunteer of the Year award 2012- for creating The Greatest MEND Podcast (2012-2016)
- 2009 - California Interfaith Power and Light Award for chairing St. Michael and All Angels Solar Outreach Project
- Audiophile Magazine Earphones Award

Education

American Musical
and Dramatics Arts Academy
NY 1987

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*sounds like "Fold this, my man!"