Nevada “invests in its voice” with Dear World

The Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, in conjunction with the Joe Crowley Student Union and the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, brought portrait photographer and media entrepreneur Robert X. Fogarty to the University for a unique campuswide special event called Dear World Nevada on Tues., Sept. 2. Fogarty is the creator of the Dear World project, started in New Orleans, La., in 2009. Dear World asks people to write messages on their bodies that have meaning, then Fogarty captures their photo and asks subjects to share their message with the world. He’s written on and photographed everyone from Drew Brees to Deepak Chopra, Seal, Edward Norton, Elle Macpherson, Boston Marathon bombing victims, Syrian refugees, and Hurricane Sandy and Hurricane Katrina survivors to name a few. His work has been featured on the “Oprah Winfrey Show,” “CNN,” The Washington Post, The New York Times, USA Today, Inc. Magazine, PBS and other well-recognized media outlets.
Every portrait tells a story.
The Dear World Nevada event celebrated all of the people that make the Nevada community unique. Fogarty’s “invest in your voice” approach allowed individuals from all corners of campus to come together and share very personal stories with one another.
“Dear World is part journalistic storytelling, part entrepreneurial venture and part social experiment,” said Reynolds School Dean Al Stavitsky. “Robert’s visionary approach aligns with the Reynolds School mission of media innovation.”

More than 200 University faculty, students and Reno-Tahoe community members had their photos taken; many also attended a keynote address featuring Fogarty and portrait release party at the Joe Crowley Student Union Theater.
“My experience at Nevada was one of the best I’ve had,” Fogarty said. “I was truly impressed with the depth and range of photo shoot participants and the messages they decided to share. More so, my time at Nevada was invigorating and inspiring.”

—Jill Stockton, communications specialist, Reynolds School of Journalism

TOP RIGHT: Brian Polian, Nevada head football coach, “Keep chopping.”
MIDDLE: Reg Steward, University of Nevada, Reno, chief diversity officer, “Fate defied.”
RIGHT: Dania Jordan, Nevada McNair Scholar, “Generation Breaker.”

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