

Residence 11 Sells Out Inaugural DESIRE Summit

Event Fostered a Safe, Fun, and Open Discussion on Sex, Relationships, Pleasure, and More

LOS ANGELES, CA, USA, February 22, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Residence 11](#) recently hosted the [Desire](#) Summit, its first in-person and virtual event to bring together the site's sex-positive, open-minded community with more than 25 internationally renowned speakers and experts from the most influential sex-themed podcasts, TV shows, blogs, and best-selling romance and erotica books. Held at the beautiful new venue, Velvet Noir in Los Angeles, the intimate event was a full day of audience participation, free-flowing discussion, and thought-provoking conversations on some of the most stimulating, taboo, and talked about issues when it comes to sex, relationships, pleasure, and intimacy.

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“In a time when the world is getting more and more repressed, it was a breath of fresh air to attend a public event that was so sex positive, kink positive, love positive, and in such a welcoming and safe space,” said attendee Alex S.

Attendees came from across the country to hear their favorite authors speak, have books signed, and yell out their favorite kinks for prizes. Session topics ranged from

erotic rituals, mismatched desire, managing jealousy, polyamory, sex and aging, kink and toys, to the world of romance novels, a genderqueer future, audio erotica, and more.

Sponsors had the opportunity to reach an audience looking for ways to explore their self-care in new ways. Attendees were treated to an incredible swag bag with products from sponsors, valued at \$350, and included products from FUN FACTORY, Blush, and the Pleasure Chest,



Event Speakers and Sex educators Yana Tallon-Hicks (left) and Nicoletta Heidegger (right)

romance novels from Avon Books, a free “Go F*** Yourself” Course from Ganja Yoga, valued at more than \$200, and a special discount to BLOOM Audio Stories.

“Desire Summit was exactly what we had hoped for: a space where our in-person and virtual audiences could learn from and interact with talented speakers on sex, relationships and literature and get practical advice to immediately apply to their personal lives,” said Rachel Kramer Bussel, Editor-in-Chief, Residence 11. “From Kevin Patterson’s and Erin Tillman’s tips on how to manage jealousy in polyamorous relationships (and how common that is) to sex therapists Nicoletta Heidegger and Yana Tallon-Hicks on the many ways desire may not match up in relationships, to the laughs heard across the room, especially during Dirty Lola’s frank and funny guide to the wide world of dating apps. The Desire Summit kicked off powerful conversations and served up a vital space for discussion and curiosity around our most intimate selves.”

A full list of speakers included:

Jess Buie of BLOOM Audio Stories on erotic audio

Kristen Tribby and Nora Langknecht of FUN FACTORY on keeping long-term relationships hot and bringing sex toys to casual dating

Keynote speaker sex edutainer Dirty Lola with modern online dating advice

Polyamory expert Kevin Patterson

Lynn Brown Rosenberg discussing sex and aging

Sex therapists Moushumi Ghose and Melissa LeSane

Sex educators Jamila Dawson, Nicoletta Heidegger, August McLaughlin, Yana Tallon-Hicks, and Erin Tillman on various aspects of sexual wellness

Lasara Firefox Allen on why the future is genderqueer

Romance novelists Mia Hopkins, Suzanne Park, Kelly Reynolds, Sierra Simone, and Angie Williams

Authors Taylor Hahn and Allison Moon on alternative sexuality in fiction

Residence 11 Editor-in-Chief Rachel Kramer Bussel hosted a virtual interview with Ghana-based writer Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah, author of *The Sex Lives of African Women*, on why we all need to talk about sex

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The ethos of the Desire Summit, which was navigating healthy, honest, joyful, and fulfilling communication in our relationships; squashing shame and learning how to better connect, will continue online post-event with highlights will be available soon at <https://residence11.com/>.

The next Desire summit will be hosted October 6-8, 2023 in Brooklyn, NY. To purchase [tickets](#), visit: <https://summit.residence11.com/>

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Residence 11 (<https://residence11.com/>) is a website and community that celebrates the future of sensuality, romance, intimacy, and loving in a new age of human communication. Edited by award-winning writer and anthology editor Rachel Kramer Bussel, Residence 11 shares the best erotica and romance and guides readers on advancements across art, sex toys, games, technology, and literature. With a community of over 250 contributors with a collective reach of 6 million, the community resides at the intersection of inclusion, diversity, and acceptance with sex positive awareness.

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