

The WOMAN THEY COULD NOT SILENCE

Tue, Oct. 24 at 7p



Welcome to the MAC! Our entire staff is thrilled to have you here and we are grateful that you have chosen to invest your time in live entertainment and world-class culture in our community. We want to offer you a space to unwind and enjoy an evening filled with laughter, music, dance, or theatre. Our aim is to provide you with unique and inspiring opportunities to engage more deeply with the arts. Join us for a complimentary pre-show MAC Chat or Q&A following specific performances. Our arts center, located in a community college, offers over 60 student productions supported by professional lighting, sound, and costumes. These can be enjoyed at affordable costs, or you can attend our FREE programs like Music Friday at Noon and our free International Global Film series, Global Flicks in February. We hope to exceed your expectations with excellent service and special pre and post-show engagement opportunities. These will help you connect with the artists and art forms more deeply. While you are here, don't forget to visit the Cleve Carney Museum of Art in the lobby to experience cutting-edge contemporary art. You can also enjoy our full-service concession area and gift shop.

After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers (www.AtTheMAC.org). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theater Ensemble Play. Or join us this summer for the Lakeside Summer Series. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We hope you have a wonderful time and look forward to entertaining you.

Enjoy the show!

Diana Martinez

Director, McAninch Arts Center

McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage presents

AUTHOR TALK:

Kate Moore

Best Selling Author of The Radium Girls

The Woman They Could Not Silence

The McAninch Arts Center acknowledges support from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.



Following the lecture, join us in the MAC lobby where Kate Moore will be signing her books.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, 7 p.m. Belushi Performance Hall

PROFILE



As a little girl growing up in Peterborough, England, **Kate Moore** dreamed of becoming a bestselling writer. She still has to pinch herself that her dream came true. After studying English Literature at the University of Warwick, Kate embarked on a successful career in publishing as a nonfiction editor. Over the next decade, she rose to become an editorial director at

Penguin Random House UK. Her authors included Craig Revel Horwood, John Barrowman, Chris Tarrant, Francesca Martinez, Lucie Brownlee and Sarbjit Kaur Athwal. (To this day, Kate still offers occasional <u>editorial services</u> on a freelance basis.) During this time, she also dabbled in writing gift and humour books, and in 2008 had her first *Sunday Times* bestseller in *The Lovers' Book* (later republished as *Roses Are Red*).

On 4 July 2014 – her very own Independence Day – Kate took a leap of faith and left her full-time role to become a freelance editor, author and ghostwriter. On Day 1 of her new business venture, she had already secured commissions to write four books. She never looked back. Over the next three years she wrote eleven books, both under her own name and as a ghostwriter for some extraordinary people. Many of them became *Sunday Times* bestsellers.

In April 2017, one of those eleven books, <u>The Radium Girls</u>, was published in America. It became one of the bestselling history books of the year and was an instant *New York Times* bestseller upon publication of the paperback. It also won multiple awards, including the Goodreads Choice Award for Best History.

The book was a labour of love for Kate, who discovered the girls' story while directing a play about them. (Alongside her publishing career, Kate has always maintained her love of theatre, appearing as an actress in countless productions over the years.) Wanting to ensure her production of *These Shining Lives* by Melanie Marnich was as authentic as possible, Kate conducted lots of research on the radium girls and was amazed to discover that no book existed that focused on the women themselves. Feeling passionately that they deserved such a book, Kate decided to write it. Her research took her four thousand miles across an ocean to follow in the women's footsteps. She stood at the sites of the dial-painting studios, visited the women's homes and graves and met

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their families, and remembered the radium girls. She hoped, through her book, that readers would do the same.

Since publication, Kate has personally presented the story of the radium girls in close to thirty states. She has also been lucky enough to continue that writing career she dreamed of as a little girl; her latest book, <u>The Woman They Could Not Silence</u>, was published in June 2021 and became another commercial and critical success, placing second in the Goodreads Choice Awards 2021 for Best History and being named a 2021 *Booklist* Editor's Choice.

Her passion as a writer is to help people to have a voice, especially those silenced through injustice. With every book, she hopes to take readers on a visceral journey so that they too can experience the extraordinary lives of others.

She hopes you'll walk with her, one book at a time.



ADADE WHEELER WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD

The College of DuPage has annually awarded the Adade Wheeler Woman of Distinction Award to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the personal and professional advancement of women. This year, the College of DuPage Women's Studies Committee is pleased to honor **Nancy Chen** for the 2023 Adade Wheeler Woman of Distinction Award.

Nancy, a resident of DuPage County for 53 years, has devoted her personal and professional life to advancing women and girls through education, advocacy, and mentoring.

Nancy started her journey as a stay-at-home mom taking college courses at the College of DuPage, leading to a distinguished role in public service. She started her public service career in 1985 at U.S. Senator Paul Simon's Chicago office, led this office in 1991, and transitioned to direct Asian American outreach at the Clinton White House, Office of Presidential Personnel. From 1997-2010, Nancy was the Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau.

Nancy, a trailblazer, was the first Asian American to lead a U.S. Senate office in Illinois. She directed the Women's Bureau for 13 years, advocating for equal pay, expanding entry into non-traditional occupations, and promoting STEM careers for young women. For her advocacy working with young women at the College of DuPage, Nancy received the Non-Traditional Careers Advocate of the Year Award in 2008.

Post retirement, Nancy continued her commitment to service by sitting on the Illinois AARP Executive Council and was a member of the College of DuPage Lifelong Learning Advisory Committee encouraging seniors to engage with the college and the community. In 2022, she founded Chinese American Women in Action (CAWA), an organization with a mission to empower Chinese American women through advocacy, networking, mentorship, and education to lead and engage at all levels of community, civics, and business.

Recognizing the unique needs of Asian American youth, Nancy initiated a CAWA Youth program to empower Asian American high school girls in Naperville and surrounding areas to develop leadership skills, strengthen their voices, equip them to be resilient and confident in their Asian American identity, and achieve a sense of belonging. She believes that by empowering our youth, we empower the community.

She is truly a woman of distinction.





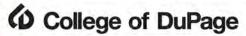
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