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Musician/Actor Mark Collie Slated as Guest Storyteller at CONNECTIONS on May 16th

Carson City, NV--CONNECTIONS Central announced that musician, actor, and philanthropist Mark Collie will be the guest storyteller at the May 16th CONNECTIONS gathering at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City. CONNECTIONS Central is a new organization that uses the power of storytelling to promote stronger, happier and healthier relationships that enrich lives and build community.

With his guitar in tow, Collie will share stories, songs, and lessons of a lifetime that illustrate the impact of music on relationships and life. “Music connects us like no other art form. It brings people together,” he says. “Song empowers us. It can mend loneliness and fill us with joy. It can be life changing.” Collie hopes that attendees will reflect on and share with others their own experiences and stories about the significance of music in their lives.

The event is open to all and will take place on Thursday, May 16th at the Brewery Art Center at 449 W King Street, Carson City. It starts at 5:00 with an opportunity for a bit of socializing, complimentary beverages and small bites. At 7:00 pm following the CONNECTIONS gathering, Collie will give a free concert.

Since its launch in 2023, CONNECTIONS has seen significant expansion. There are multiple opportunities in Carson City each month and offerings in Reno and the surrounding area are in the works. “The interest is overwhelming,” says Executive Director, Debra Soule. “The concept of CONNECTIONS is based on research that shows that positive relationships keep us happier, healthier and help us live longer. Many individuals and organizations are seeing the value of what transpires at our gatherings.”

Robert Hodgson, a CONNECTIONS regular, says “People walk away with a lot of great wisdom because of the different experiences and stories that have been shared. It’s warm, thought provoking, and entertaining.”

To learn more about CONNECTIONS and to find opportunities to connect with others, go to www.connectionscentral.org.

About Mark Collie

Collie began his music career in the 70s as a country singer. His songs have been recorded by some of Country music's most iconic recording artists.

He helped organize a celebrity race at the Nashville Motor Speedway bringing together the legends of NASCAR, the stars of Country Music and some of Hollywood's most elite to raise money and awareness for diabetes research. As a result of this effort the Mark Collie Chair in Diabetes Research was formed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Collie is a strong supporter of our men and women in uniform having performed for them around the world. He received the American Spirit Award from the US Airforce after he helped organize the delivery of 25,000 music cassettes for distribution to those in Bosnia.

Collie believes in second chances. He and his wife Tammy are committed to working with incarcerated men and women teaching and helping them find their voice through music expression programs designed to help prepare them for successful re-entry. With the help of Don Kuhl, founder of CONNECTIONS and former owner of The Change Companies, they developed a curriculum called "A song for life" that is used in prisons in multiple states.

Collie is also an actor. He is currently working on an exciting new series with an all-star cast.

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