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## **The Loss World Monologues Returns**

*An Enhanced Book Reading by Kelly Z with original Music*

**[CITY, STATE, Month Date—]** The Loss World is a love story that survived death. This emotional journey through grief and into hope features Kelly Zirbes, who reads the personal accounts of survival from the book and the stage play by Mary London Szpara. The performance is more than spoken word, as Kelly punctuates the readings with her original music and songs written specifically for this work. A prolific songwriter, Zirbes and Szpara combined forces to bring this new art form to the public for book readings, stage performances and house concerts, as well as private organizations. It offers a look into the cycle of grief where audience reaction is anything but neutral.

*"It's so real. I've never seen anything like this" "It is a rollercoaster ride of emotions"*  
*"It's Powerful. It should be a Ted Talk"*

*"I cried and I laughed and I cried again" "I think this will make me a better friend"*  
*"I was touched to my core during the presentation of The Loss World Monologues. The material presented from Mary Szpara's amazing book affected me tremendously as it brought up long buried emotions experienced during the losses of my own loved ones"*

The Loss World published in 2013 by Mary London Szpara was based on journals that chronicled life after the death of her husband. The book soon was adapted to stage in mid 2015 as The Loss World Monologues. Nine women of various ages grappled with the twists and turns of life after the death of a partner in a 2 night run black box performance in Charlotte, NC.

A new version was performed in September 2018 as the Gaston Arts Council Creative Pollinators kicked off their third season in Gaston County. The Loss World Monologues 2.0 with Kelly Z began a new era of this emotional journey through grief and into hope. This version is now touring with Kelly Z. The one hour performance is followed by a Q & A session with both Kelly and Mary.

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