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How is it that we are constantly connected, but feel more lonely than ever? We are living in a crisis of **disconnection** — despite our digital landscape, and perhaps because of it. A world designed to keep us connected has instead taught us to perform connection rather than feel it. Even socializing in a room full of others, people often report a sense of emptiness — a longing to feel seen, heard and emotionally held. **What is missing is story** — the oldest language we have to connect.

Vanessa Y. Rogers is a Texas-based, **award-winning storyteller**, educator, and teaching artist who has spent her career using story as a tool for meaning-making, connection, and transformation. Drawing from folk traditions around the world — and informed by her work as a Wolf Trap teaching artist, her leadership in the Texas Folklore Society, and her podcast Fabric of **Folklore** — Vanessa brings a rare combination of academic depth, cultural breadth, and genuine warmth to the stage. She doesn't just speak to a room. She ignites it.

SIGNATURE TOPICS

The Threads That Bind Us

*How story connects us to ourselves,
each other, and who we're still
becoming*

From Conflict to Collaboration

*Using Story to Transform Difficult
Conversations*

AUDIENCE TAKE-AWAYS

- A new way of seeing their own story
- Recognition of the inherited threads
- Tools for opening deeper, more meaningful conversations
- The protective power of shared story
- Permission to let old stories go
- Freedom in imperfection

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