Cultivating Community + Empowering Entrepreneurs

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HISTORY OF STOKE

July 2016

• City of Denton 5 year lease at 608 E Hickory St Suite 128 begins. November 2017

- Hickory & Rail Ventures, LLC and City of Denton enter into public private partnership to operate Stoke. City pays rent and handles maintenance and repairs.
- June 2021
 - City's lease at 608 E Hickory St Suite 128 expires.
- July 2021
 - H&RV signs lease with Martino Group, as a part of this 12 new private offices are built out to meet the needs of the coworking space.
 - City/H&RV partnership shifts to focus on entrepreneurship program support.
- 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
 - Unanimously approved by EDPB and City Council to continue support entrepreneurship program via H&RV and City of Denton partnership.
- 2025
 - Working to renew our lease at suite 128, with a possible expansion into an additional 2,725 sq ft which would add 8 private offices, 2 unisex restrooms, and a large community space



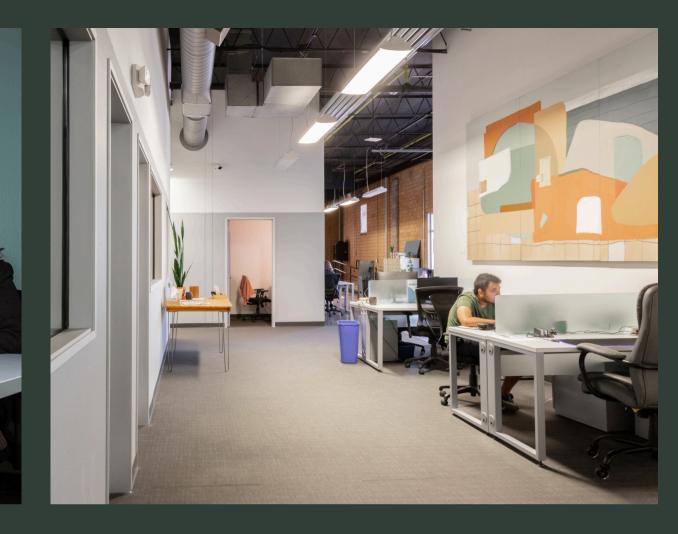








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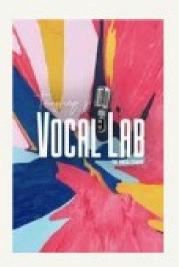


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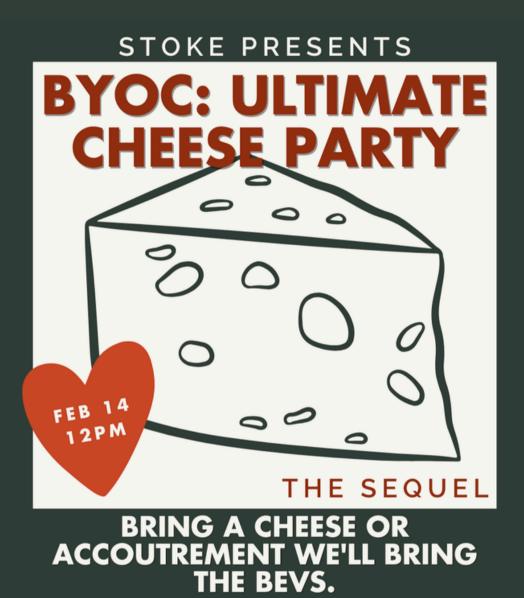




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MEMBER EVENTS





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Stoke's Annual

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Wednesday, 18th December 2024 4pm-5pm at the Community Table. \$20 and under white elephant gift. [since becoming a member at Stoke] I've increased my number of clients from 3 to 50; I have 3 part-time employees with one more soon to join; I have 4 volunteers; and won the community award for the Pitch Competition.

- Stoke Member

I think the staff at Stoke do a tremendous job of creating community among the people using the space!

-Stoke Member

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morning meetup with stoke





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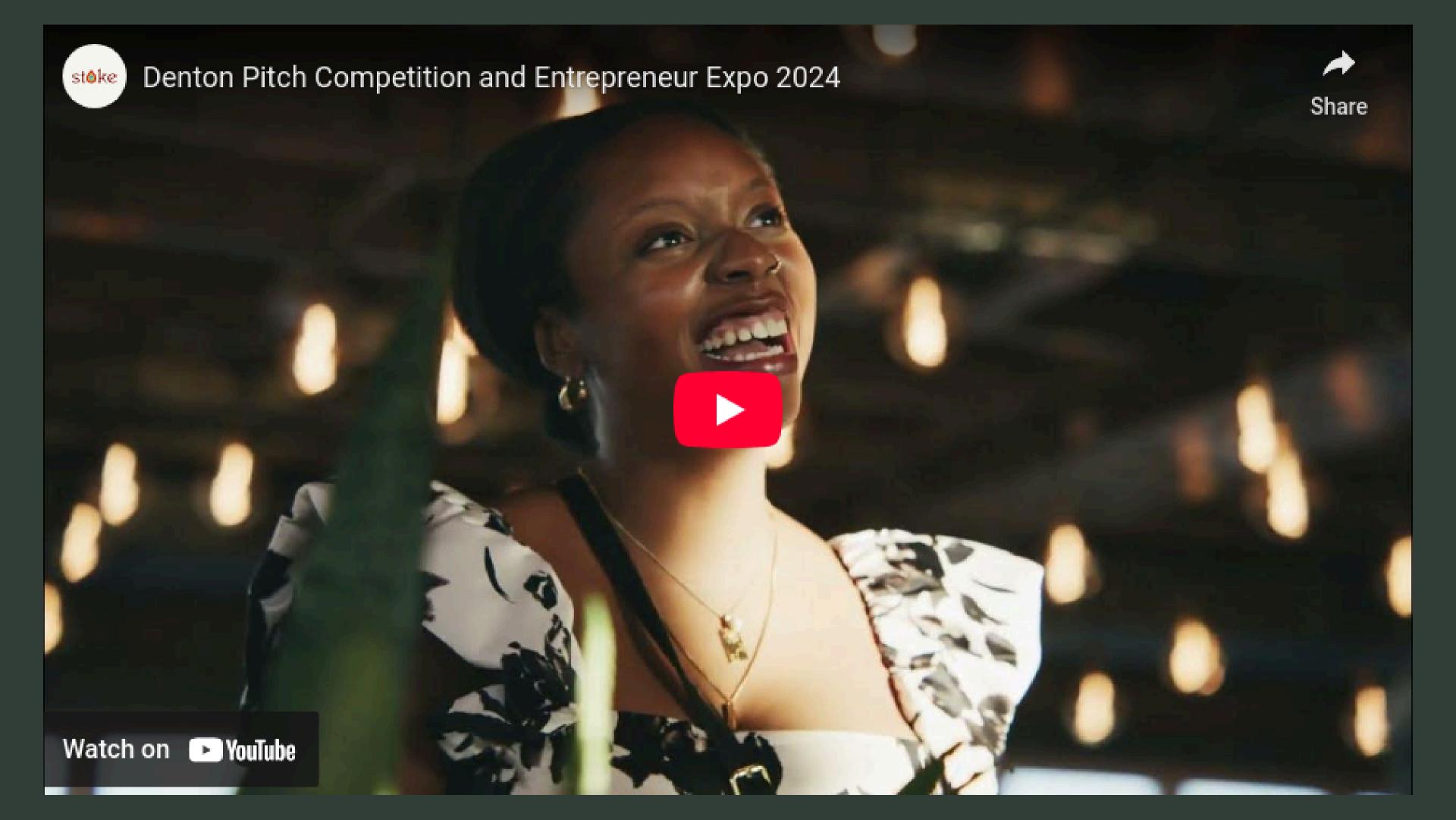
Nov 18 12pm - 1pm \$15 Per Ticket













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Lauren Upshaw Esq[®]

September 12 6:00pm-8:00pm 400 E Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201

SPARK creative mixer MARCH 4TH 6PM-8PM STOKE DENTON



morning meetup with stoke









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COFFEE + CONVO

casual morning meetup with entrepreneurs, experts, and peers

Juli James







Creative Economy Panelists

Diana Barns Diana Barns Pottery

Dan Black Artist/Muralist Cynthia Foster Top Secret Rehearsal Studio



TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

May 7th, 2025 6:00pm-8:00pm



608 E. Hickory St. #128 Denton, TX 76205

DENTON'S CONFERENCE FOR **CREATIVES AND ENTREPRENUERS**

CONTENT: 8:30AM - 4 PM HAPPY HOUR: 4 PM

stoke presents

MAY 8, 2025

PATTERSON-APPLETON ARTS CENTER 400 E HICKORY ST DENTON TX, 76201

MAY 8

Headshots

Networking



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Breakout Sessions

Breakfast + Coffee + Lunch











IMPACTS + OUTCOMES • 60% of member survey respondents say their business has experienced

- growth
 - Includes sales growth, hiring new employees, landing and onboarding new clients, raising funds, launching new product/service
 - Direct impact of Stoke membership include collaborations, education and resources, networking, hiring within the member community
- 100 monthly members (average)
- 355 people brought together through our events and programs (since October 2024)
- 2 professionally produced videos by local creatives highlighting FlintConf and Denton Pitch Competition.
- 11 blog posts written since October 2024
- Digital marketing efforts 280K impressions, 6K clicks, 185 conversions

IMPACTS + OUTCOMES

- Denton Pitch Competition 2024
 - 22 hours of business coaching (17 entrepreneurs received support)
 - 10 businesses pitched at DPC (70% women-owned, 30% BIPOC)
 - 12 Entrepreneur Expo participants
 - 4 winners received recognition and cash prizes
- FlintConf 2024
 - 85 attendees (speakers + sponsors + students + teachers in attendance)
 - 6 speaker sessions, 1 workshop, 2 networking opportunities, 1 kickoff event with panel discussion about Creative Economy
- Coffee + Convo
 - 5 sessions and 24 attendees (since October 2024)
- Spark Creative Mixer
 - 4 events since launching in March 2024
 - 87 attendees designers, musicians, videographers, writers, makers



THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

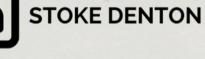


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