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## The Flynn Presents **\*snap\*** First Person Arts Festival in Flynn Space on January 19-21

BURLINGTON, VT — The Flynn is excited to announce **\*snap\* First Person Arts Festival, taking place in Flynn Space from January 19-21.** **\*snap\*** celebrates the power of storytelling and solo performance with a weekend-long festival that includes a headline performance by award-winning storyteller **David Cale on Friday, January 19**, a storytelling two-day **workshop with Susanne Schmidt on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21**, **\*snap\* Stories on Saturday, January 20** with five visiting artists, and an open-mic **\*snap\* Story Slam on Sunday, January 21.**

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“We are thrilled to launch the first **\*snap\*** festival in January 2024,” said Jay Wahl, Flynn executive director. “We believe everyone has stories to tell and that sharing these stories teaches empathy by allowing us to recognize commonalities and learn about each other’s unique experiences. **\*snap\*** is intended to create a dialogue between performers and the audience, providing opportunities for the community to join and support the conversation, help shape the artists’ work, and gain a deeper understanding of this important art form. We’re honored to have a number of talented visiting artists coming to Burlington to kick off this unique festival.”

**\*snap\*** First Person Arts Festival begins on **Friday, January 19** with headliner **David Cale**. Alongside pianist **Matthew Dean Marsh**, Cale performs his acclaimed work **We Are Only Alive for A Short Amount of Time**, a musical memoir of hope, family, and transcendence. Tickets for this Flynn Space performance are \$20. Get tickets at [flynnvt.org](https://flynnvt.org).

For **\*snap\* Stories**, visiting artists **Alex Cobb, Arshan Gailus, Molly Kirschner, Phoebe Dunn, and Ron Jenkins** were selected from an open call to all “writers, poets, rappers, storytellers, and other solo performers.” They premiere their original pieces on **Saturday, January 20** in Flynn Space. Tickets for this event are free; registration is required. Tickets for the **\*snap\*** Story Slam on Sunday, January 21 are also free with registration required. Find out more at [flynnvt.org](https://flynnvt.org).

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