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Mighty Writers Launches Inaugural Podcast

PHILADELPHIA — [Mighty Writers](#), an educational nonprofit with multiple locations in Greater Philadelphia and New Jersey, announces the launch of its first ever podcast, featuring conversations with storytellers who find beauty in an often brutal world.

Most episodes of the podcast, hosted by Mighty Writers' senior writer, Maureen Boland, begin with a conversation between Maureen, a longtime Philly public school teacher, and one of her former students, Patrick Cooper. Then the episode's guests — ranging from acclaimed writers to a class of high school juniors — join Maureen for frank, emotional storytelling.

All the podcast guests are united, Boland says, by using language "to cut across the unruliness of human experience and imagine new possibilities."

A National Board-certified English teacher and recipient of a Lindback Award for Distinguished Teachers, Boland has a real [ability to connect with students](#) and community members.

"At some point I developed a knack for recognizing people who are aching to tell their stories," says Boland, who [is often waylaid by strangers who open up to her](#). "And an honest story, especially one that looks unflinchingly at a sometimes brutal world, has the power to lessen the isolation, despair and polarization so many of us feel."

The Mighty Writers Podcast will have an initial run of 10 biweekly episodes produced by Philadelphia-based podcast company [Rowhome Productions](#).

"We'd been thinking about a Mighty Writers podcast for some time," says Tim Whitaker, Mighty Writers' executive director and the podcast's executive producer. "But it wasn't until Maureen joined our staff that I was able to see a clear vision for the power it could hold. Maureen is a natural storyteller, and the stories she chooses to tell will often focus on the courage displayed by people whose voices might not usually be amplified."

Listeners can subscribe to the podcast on Apple Podcasts and other major podcast platforms, or listen [here](#).

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