



# Got Glossophobia?\*

## A Series of Public Speaking Workshops for Artists and Designers

Your heart is exploding out of your chest, your throat feels like sandpaper, and your body has begun to drip with sweat. You're about to speak in front of your entire class and your mind and body are not cooperating! Artists and designers at RISD are constantly asked to speak on their process, projects, and vision. Master your ability to represent yourself and your work in six public speaking workshops, with additional one-on-one sessions and studio visits. Participants will focus on best practices in elocution, gesture, improvisation, voice, articulation, and developing the language to effectively communicate their work and ideas. This is a non-credit workshop, but for students who want to present their work effectively and with confidence—in crits and presentations now, and in artist talks or client presentations in the future—the value may be immeasurable. Come learn how to take over the world with your art, or just introduce your work to a room full of strangers without having to change your shirt!

Got Glossophobia? is led by Ruthie Scarpino, Post-grad Fellow in Public Speaking at the RISD Writing Center. Ruthie is a recent graduate of RISD's Masters in Art + Design + Community Learning program. She has performed and taught as a company member with Project Theater and the Hybrid Movement Company in New York City and used Boalian Theater for social change across the UK, Europe, and Southeast Asia. Her devotion to improv honed her skills in public speaking, and she is passionate about how performance and speech support our disciplines as artists, designers, and public intellectuals.

**Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM  
starting October 1**

*or*

**Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM  
starting October 2**

(each meets six consecutive weeks,  
with a break for mid-terms)

**Open to undergrads  
and grads; up to 10  
students in each sec-  
tion; to sign up, e-mail  
mbarrett01@risd.edu;  
include a very brief  
statement of interest  
and note which night  
you would attend.**

**\*Glossophobia, from the Greek *glōssa*, meaning tongue, and *phobos*, meaning fear or dread.**