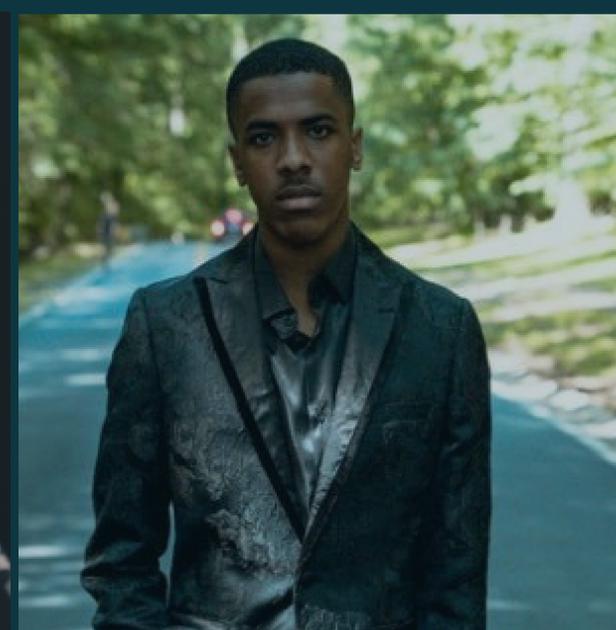




2019 PLANNING TEAM
NATIONAL YOUNG
ARTIST'S SUMMIT

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 2, 2019
AUSTIN, TEXAS





RJ CARTER

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

My name is Irving, but most call me RJ. I was born and raised in San Diego, California. I am currently 15 years old, and a soon to be Junior. I love to use fashion, dance and being a goofball to cultivate my personality and aesthetic, then share them with others around me.



MICKY JOHNSON

AUSTIN, TEXAS

I am 17 years old and have been with the Changing Lives Youth Theatre Ensemble since 2016. I love helping people, and hope my work helps make the community a better place for the future generations. I like being creative and artistic and CLYTE allows me to do just that, all while traveling a little past my comfort zone. In addition to theatre arts, I am also really big on visual arts and piano. I am the happiest when using self-expressive art for social justice. Try new things!



NOOR SIDDIQUI

ALLEN, TEXAS

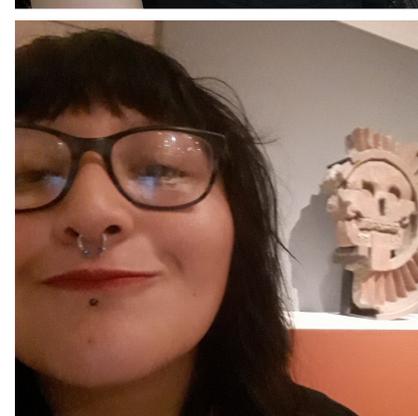
Hi, I'm Noor, a first-generation musician in my family. I work with the Dallas Symphony Teen Council to bridge the gap between our evolving generation and the presence of classical music in the Dallas Metroplex. I mainly strive to address social inequities linked to the access to music, specifically the limited resource to orchestral instruments, the "Musical Clubhouse Ambition". I am excited to participate with my lens of experience to the entire mass of creativity at the summit!



NATALIE VILENSKY

LUCAS, TEXAS

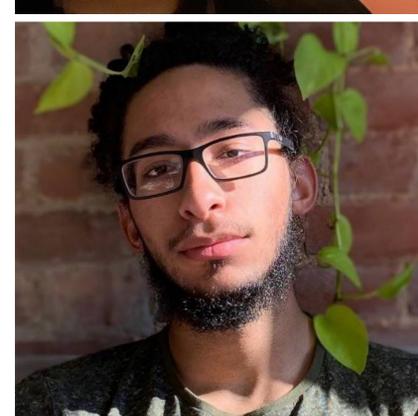
Hello! I am a junior at Lovejoy High School in Lucas, Texas. I am a theatre technician, specifically stage manager, who has been involved in over 10 productions within and outside my school. I'm involved in Thespians Honor Society, National Honor Society, Gay-Straight Alliance, and multiple other extracurriculars dedicated towards making a difference in the community. I am so honored and excited to be apart of the National Youth Summit Planning Team committed to making this an amazing experience for everyone!



PAULA ORTEGA

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Hey my name is Paula Yamilet Alvarado Ortega. I am 19 years old and I live in Phoenix Arizona. I am currently enrolled at Phoenix College working on my Criminal Justice degree and Theatre Degree. I am an activist in my community fighting for immigrant rights, standing up against police brutality and violations of people's rights. I work at Rising Youth Theatre as a youth staff member and teaching artist. I am also Co-founder at Re:Frame Youth Art Center. I am excited to be part of the National Youth Summit planning team with dreams and motivation to create a space where we can lead and create together as young leaders.



MALCOLM DAVIS

GRINNELL, IOWA

I am a third-year Political Science and Theatre double major at Grinnell College, in Grinnell Iowa. I am an actor as well as leader in on-campus activism through my position as President of Million Hoodies Grinnell. I am excited to engage with a motivated and artistic group of young leaders to see how art can improve the world.



ABBIE RICHARDS

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

I am a 15 year old dancer/creative artist from Atlanta, Georgia. I've been involved in the arts since I was 3, exploring artistic forms of dance, theater and public speaking. I currently dance at Moving in the Spirit, where I am a member of the Apprentice Corporation and I hold the position of the student board director. I am also an intern at 7 stages, a theater company in Little Five Points, Atlanta. My hobbies outside of the arts include social activism, traveling, and being in nature!



KAITLYN NGUYEN

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Hi! I'm a rising senior at Boston Latin School. I have been dancing with BalletRox for 10 years now. I'm currently the co-president of BLS Vietnamese Student Society and president of BalletRox's Youth Council. Our youth council's mission statement is to promote change in our community by addressing social justice issues through original choreography and performances. We recently choreographed a lyrical number about women's empowerment that was inspired by the #METOO movement. I am excited to be apart of the team and thankful to receive the opportunity to collaborate with so many unique and inspiring people from all over the nation.



CARLO RODRIGUEZ

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

I work by comminising artwork, participate in marches, and advertise for organizations that advocate for youth voice in the government, school districts, injustices, etc. I am very pleased to be able to work with other youth advocates across the country to develop a place for youth to come together to discuss relevant issues in our society. I firmly believe that the youth today is the change that this world needs, and I hope that being a part of this committee, it will allow us to take one step closer to a greater community.



CHRISTIEN WILLS

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

I work with a company called Dance and Bmore which is an organization that brings joy through dance and song to communities that don't otherwise have it. We've been working on a musical that's coming this summer that speaks on conflict and relationship abuse. The show includes different pauses where we have a community discussion on questions and topics that the show brings up. I'm so excited to collaborate again to create a successful summit with artists from across the country and to see what everyone brings from their city.



DONOVAN ROGERS

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

A native metro-Detroiter, twelfth-grader Donovan Rogers trains in theatre and vocal music at the internationally acclaimed Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit. Nephew of Claudette and Smokey Robinson of the Miracles, Donovan continues the Motown legacy as the founder/artistic director of the emerging entertainment brand, The DR of the Arts. He is a firm believer in setting an image of excellence for young Black-American males by bringing attention to communal challenges, culture, and expression through his platform. Donovan is very excited to grow and extend his abilities by being apart of the 2019 NYAS Planning Committee.



GUADALUPE (LOUISA) NAJAR

AUSTIN, TEXAS

I have been exploring teen collaboration in creating public and community art around Austin through participation with Creative Action. I have had an exciting and informative time exploring various arts forms ranging from zines to murals, that are centered around including and involving the communities of Austin (mostly centered around east and central Austin where Creative Action is based in). Working with other artists that are around my age has been an exceptionally pivotal experience for me, and I can't wait to work with other teens to produce a brave space for learning and creation. I am looking forward to helping organize the youth and their voice to celebrate collaboration and art!