



SILENCE IS VIOLENCE
Wish Me Well

June 21-22



Young Playwrights' Theater Presents

Silence is Violence: Wish Me Well

Performed June, 21-22, 2024

at Prince George's Community College and via simultaneous livestream

About "Wish Me Well"

Through a partnership with Voices Unbarred, seven playwrights working with Young Playwrights' Theater interviewed Voices Unbarred Community Advocates to gain inspiration for what being "well" can mean for those from a variety of different backgrounds, perspectives, and situations. Voices Unbarred centers the voices of people impacted by incarceration. Each of these seven playwrights contributed pieces that formed the script for *Silence is Violence: Wish Me Well*.

About Silence is Violence

Launched in 2015 by YPT Artistic Director Farah Lawal Harris, Silence is Violence is YPT's most immediate and direct route of addressing social justice issues affecting Washington, DC area youth through performance and community dialogue.

The series has addressed issues of police brutality and the resulting murders of Black people at the hands of police, immigration policies that abuse the rights of and negatively affect the lives of immigrants and naturalized citizens, LGBTQ+ stories, culture and pride, urban environmentalism, gentrification, and the experiences of displaced young, Black mothers.

About Young Playwrights' Theater

Founded in 1995 by celebrated playwright Karen Zacarias, Young Playwrights' Theater (YPT) inspires young people to realize the power of their own voices. Because everyone deserves high-quality theater education that centers their voices, YPT provides inspiration, tools, and opportunities for young and emerging artists to develop and share their stories. We prioritize young people who are targeted by systems of oppression, and we also collaborate with people of all ages who are invested in the ways that theater can transform lives and communities.

YPT believes that young people are inherently brilliant, and we exist to share that brilliance with the world.



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SiV: Wish Me Well cast



Prince Bajon Bihai



Tre'Mon Mills



Vanessa Strickland



Jonathan Douglass



Delia Nicole

Voices Unbarred Community Advocates



Thomas Bradley



Gene Downing



Devin D. Smith



"Chef Reese" Dixon



Anne B. Kirsch

Crew	Director & Sound Designer	Stage Manager	Producer
	Thembi Duncan	Ty'Ree Davis	Farah Lawal Harris
	Assistant Director	Light Designer	Production Manager
	Jeremy Keith Hunter	Jourdan Holden	Keta Newborn

Playwrights and Pieces

Autumn Angelettie – *Water*

Ayanna Fowler – *I Am Myself, Stories, Untitled, All the time in the World, and Mirror*

Jasmine Jones – *Untitled*

Jaucqir LaFond – *How To Count Sheep While the Sun Is Still Up*

Savannah S. Miller – *Wish Me Well: A Trilogy*

Jasmine Mitchell – *Safe*

Elizabeth Shannon (ELLIS) – *The River Monologues*



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