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.

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SiV: Wish Me Well cast

Voices Unbarred Community Advocates

Prince Bajon Bihai
Thomas Bradley

Tre’Mon Mills
Gene Downing

Vanessa Strickland
Devon D. Smith

Jonathan Douglass
“Chef Reese” Dixon

Delia Nicole
Anne B. Kirsch

Crew

Director & Sound Designer
Thembie Duncan

Stage Manager
Ty’Ree Davis

Assistant Director
Jeremy Keith Hunter

Light Designer
Jourdhan Holden

Producer
Farah Lawal Harris

Production Manager
Keta Newborn

Playwrights and Pieces

Autumn Angelette – 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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Julie A. Hawk
Jourdan M. Holden
Norman W. Lee, IV

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