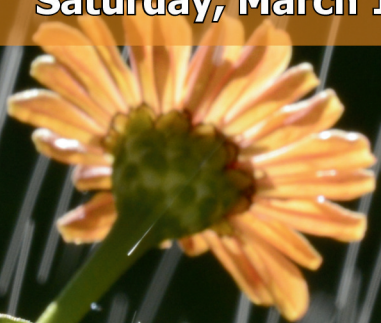




**SILENCE IS VIOLENCE
LIBERATION**

a multi-performance event exploring
liberation and freedom of self

Saturday, March 15



Young Playwrights' Theater is a Takoma-based arts education nonprofit inspiring young people to realize the power of their own voices. YPT believes that young people are inherently brilliant and we exist to share that brilliance with the world.

Young Playwrights' Theater Presents Silence is Violence: Liberation

*Performed March 15, 2025
At Busboys and Poets Takoma*

Artistic Director: **Farah Lawal Harris**
Production Manager: **Keta Newborn**
Digital Producer: **Cody Bahn**

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 Zacarías, 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.

We administer customized, responsive educational programs, playwright-centered, process-focused productions, and other opportunities for youth and adults to develop creatively, personally, and professionally. Across all of our work, we center young people and their agency and adhere to our core organizational values of anti-oppression and antiracism. YPT believes that young people are inherently brilliant, and we exist to share that brilliance with the world.

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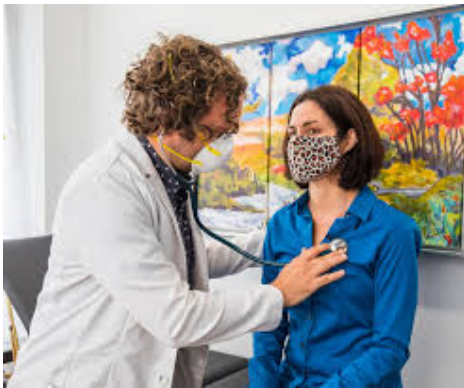


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