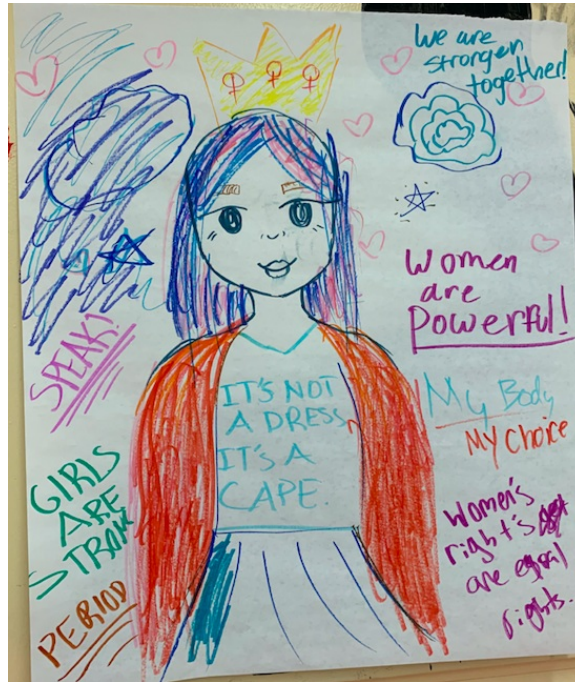


# G!RL BE HEARD

## Women's History is American History



A drawing by a Girl Be Heard After School workshop participant at one of our school partnerships

**“Feminism isn't about making women stronger. Women are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength.”**

**- G.D. Anderson**

This newsletter is dedicated to all women who have made a difference and who are making the world a better place.

For Women's History Month, we are celebrating the vital role of women in America and global history and paying homage to the incredible women in our lives.

Today and every day, Girl Be Heard is building a better and more equitable world by encouraging our staff, participants, and community members to see each other's humanity and make space for girls and young women from all backgrounds.

## News

- **Girls Make Movies:** Back by popular demand, [Girls Make Movies](#) is well underway with 2 talented teaching artists [Constance](#)

[Tsang](#) and [Megan Christiansen](#) leading the program, which consists of 10 participants selected out of dozens of applicants.

- **NYSCA Grant:** Girl Be Heard is honored to be a recipient of a \$49,500 grant award from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). Following New York State's \$105 million investment in the arts for FY2022, NYSCA has awarded more than \$80 million since June 2021.
- **Women's History Celebration:** Meera Dasgupta performed 'S(hero)' at the annual 'Women's History Celebration' hosted by GBH supporter and Congressman Ritchie Torres at the New York Botanical Garden on March 23rd. Meera's moving performance [here](#).



(l-r) Nella Mupier (Director of Programs), Meera Dasgupta (Company Member), Congressman Ritchie Torres, and Angelica Torres (GBH Interim Artistic Director) at the Women's History Celebration' at the New York Botanical Garden

- **SPARK Prize Breakfast:** Our staff attended the SPARK Prize Breakfast at Brooklyn Museum on March 8th to celebrate the winners and welcome Dr. Jocelynn Rainey as Brooklyn Community Foundation's new President and CEO. (Did you know GBH was 1 out of 20 a SPARK Prize 2022 finalists?)
- **International Day of Women:** Nella Mupier and Alyssa Martinez attended Noisy Women's 'International Day of Women Celebration' at Van Brundt Stillhouse in Red Hook, Brooklyn on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Alyssa performed 2 pieces, including "Human, Right?". Watch her powerful performance [here](#).



Mimi Girma (GBH Board Member), Ana Patel (GBH Board Member), Alyssa Martinez (Teaching Artist), and Nella Mupier (Director of Programs) at Noisy Women's 'International Day of Women Celebration'

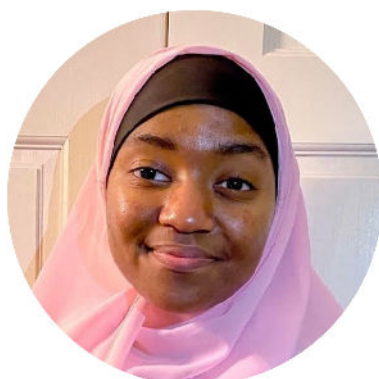
## Participants Spotlight



### Tori Moscoso

"When my sister and I were children my mom drove us to school she would make us repeat after her the phrase, 'Career first. Marriage second.' As a child, I was like, *What is this about? What's the big deal?* As an adult woman, I understand the big deal, especially because women are pushed out of industries like STEM and finance."

Watch the full video of Tori describing her mom [here](#).



### Mariama Diallo

"The fight for Black women's rights globally shouldn't be a slogan or trend. Without commitment there's no start and without consistency no real world issues will ever come to an end. Sometimes it's not even about the amount of representation being given but rather if it's the proper representation decided by the collective of those people."



## Haley Lopes

"I look up to my Aunt Melanie, who is a Girl Be Heard alumni and the reason I'm here [at GBH], because at every misfortune she always comes out stronger."

Listen to Haley speak about why her aunt is an inspiration to her [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Be! Workshop Series: Spring 2022

**OUTCOMES:**

- Exposure to new and diverse art forms from professional and experienced artists
- Gain a deeper understanding of what Radical Joy looks like through various art mediums
- Implement the practice of Radical Joy in various artstries and everyday life
- The ability to express yourself creatively and confidently through art and activism
- Have fun!

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Girls, young women, and non-binary youth ages 14 - 21

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

- Participants may join one workshop or as many as they wish and are welcome to register up until the day of the event
- For inquiries, please contact: [neil@girlbeheard.org](mailto:neil@girlbeheard.org)

**REGISTER TODAY:**

➔ [GIRLBEHEARD.ORG/BEWKSP](https://GIRLBEHEARD.ORG/BEWKSP)

**Be! Workshop** is a free virtual series consisting of Masterclass style 2-hour sessions designed to highlight various ways youth can use art, performance, and Radical Joy to empower themselves and amplify their voices as leaders, change-makers, and activists.

Participants may join one workshop session or as many as they wish.

**WORKSHOP DATES:**

4/12	<b>Storytelling</b>	5.30 PM
	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bevorkshopstorytelling">tinyurl.com/bevorkshopstorytelling</a>	
4/19	<b>Dance</b>	5.30 PM
	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bevorkshopdanceclass">tinyurl.com/bevorkshopdanceclass</a>	
4/26	<b>Visual Arts</b>	5.30 PM
	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bevorkshopvisualart">tinyurl.com/bevorkshopvisualart</a>	
5/3	<b>Activism</b>	5.30 PM
	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bevorkshopactivism">tinyurl.com/bevorkshopactivism</a>	
5/10	<b>Theater</b>	5.30 PM
	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bevorkshoptheater">tinyurl.com/bevorkshoptheater</a>	
5/17	<b>Music</b>	5.30 PM
	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/bevorkshopmusic">tinyurl.com/bevorkshopmusic</a>	

Be! Workshop Series is returning in Spring from April 12 - May 17, 2022 to highlight various ways youth can use art, performance, and Radical Joy to empower themselves and amplify their voices as artists and activists. It's free for girls, young women, and non-binary youth ages 14 - 21. Register [here](#) to reserve a spot.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

### Unplugged: Weekend Workshop Edition



Join us for our Weekend Workshop participants' first performance of the year! Hear the voices of talented girls and youth from the Bronx, Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 6.00 pm (EST). Their pieces answer the questions: Who am I and what role do I play in my community?

Register for free [here](https://www.tinyurl.com/wwunplugged) and support young activists and changemakers from NYC!

REGISTER TODAY

## Staff Spotlight

Sukari Mtume

Artistic & Special Projects  
Program Manager

"A woman in my life who has inspired me is my aunt, Benin.



My lifeline. My grandparents raised me so we grew up like sisters. I can't think of a time that I didn't want to be just like her.

Her grace, her brilliance. A beautiful Black woman! My admiration for her is endless.”



### Angelica Torres

Interim Artistic Director

“My daughter Giselle: she's so strong, passionate and talented. She isn't afraid to use her voice and has been my strength when I've needed it the most and it makes me so happy to see everything she is achieving.”



### Constance Tsang

Girls Make Movies Teaching Artist

“As a filmmaker, I sometimes question if my film is relevant and am often asked during development why my film matters... If I can come from a place of honesty, it becomes easier to understand my work and to hopefully transcend not necessarily other's limited imagination, but to expand on a perspective that others might not have thought about.”

## Artist Spotlight



### Bisa Butler

is a former high school art teacher who has been dubbed as a modern-day Griot.

Butler uses vibrant fabric to create quilts that honor Black history and culture.

*"It's so satisfying when people can see the [humanity] that I'm trying to communicate, that this person is important and valuable; . . . [when they understand] that we're all the same... My portraits tell stories that may have been forgotten over time."*

Check out Butler's front page feature on *Cultured Magazine* [here](#).

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### Raveena Aurora

is a New York-based singer and songwriter whose music explores themes of self-love, sensuality, healing from trauma, mixed with her identity as a pansexual Indian-American woman who was raised by Sikh parents.

Raveena's new album *Asha's Awakening* has a lush, more effervescent sound as she shifts from telling her own story to writing from the perspective of *Asha*, a "Punjabi space princess" who travels through time and space to learn "highly advanced spiritual magic" from aliens. Listen to *Asha's Awakening* [here](#).

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