

G!RL BE HEARD



Dear Friend,

"When we dare to speak in a liberatory voice, we threaten even those who may initially claim to want our words. In the act of overcoming our fear of speech, of being seen as threatening, in the process of learning to speak as subjects, we participate in the global struggle to end domination. When we end our silence, when we speak in a liberated voice, our words connect us with anyone, anywhere who lives in silence."

bell hooks famously penned these powerful words. What could be more true in a world that systemically silences the voices of young women?

And yet their stories are essential to a broader narrative of empathy, connection and resistance so missing in today's world as the full impact of the ongoing pandemic, racial injustice, and political divisiveness on already marginalized communities is made known. Indeed, since the launch of Girl Be Heard in 2011, never has our work been more urgent, our mandate more defined, and these stories more necessary to be told.

Girl Be Heard met the challenges of 2021 with creativity and determination.

- We leveraged virtual platforms to drive unprecedented engagement and performed 40 virtual shows, such as [Femmevision](#) and [The People vs. Justice](#)
- We re-imagined our curriculum through our new Leadership as Ensemble pedagogy to better meet the unique needs of girls of color
- We launched new programs like [Girls Make Movies](#) to arm young people with the tools they need as 21st Century 'artists' (artist-activists)<https://youtu.be/wYkrpeCKXBo>

Emboldened by this progress, Girl Be Heard's 2022 theme is aptly titled 'Radical Joy', an homage to the struggle of girls and young women the

world over, and a celebration of resilience as they fight to be honest, to be brave, to be heard. 'Radical Joy' is the unbridled joy that comes from sharing a story with authenticity and courage as well as the joy of listening to another's story with acceptance and affirmation.



I hope you will join us on this journey as we cultivate, amplify, and celebrate the voices of young women and nurture the next generation of torch bearers, change-makers, and revolutionaries. We simply can not do this important work without your support. Each and every donation will be instrumental to sustaining Girl Be Heard's FREE workshops, annual Mainstage production, and community performances in the year ahead, because **no story should go untold.**

Warmly,

Chiwoniso Kaitano (Executive Director) & the Girl Be Heard team

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