The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts presents the
2018 Kennedy Center Arts Summit
The Future States of America: Using the Arts to Take Us Where We Want to Go

April 16, 2018 in the Kennedy Center Theater Lab

Performers, Presenters, and Panelists include:

2018–2019 Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Fellows Introduced

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Theater Lab and adjoining spaces, the annual spring convening brings thought leaders from the arts and related fields together for conversation and connection.

Performers, presenters, and panelists include thought leaders and influencers from across disciplines, who not only contribute their ideas to the Arts Summit, but use the ideas generated throughout the day to inform and advance their own thinking. This day-long convening features curated panel discussions and breakouts centered around this year’s themes of education, health, and finite resources, and the ways in which the arts and creativity can help address critical issues in these areas. Performances and networking opportunities are interspersed throughout the day. See page 4 for the Arts Summit agenda.

DJ, producer, a founding member of the Kennedy Center’s Hip Hop Culture Council J. Period will perform throughout the day, joined by singer-songwriter Maimouna Youssef (aka Mumu Fresh) and poet Mayda del Valle. Together, they will open Arts Summit with a brief performance inspired by the themes of the day. During select transition moments, they will craft in-the-moment musical and lyrical responses to discussion topics.

Participants include: Chief of Program and Pedagogy at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts Marc Bamuthi Joseph; Jamie Broadnax and Stephanie Williams from the podcast Misty Knight’s Uninformed Afro; educator and organizational change consultant Sam Chaltain; educator and school turnaround expert Principal Linda Cliatt-Wayman; Executive Director of the Jane Goodall Institute Carlos Drews; executive director of the Institute for Human Centered Design Valerie Fletcher; Executive Director of the California Academy of Sciences Dr. Jon Foley; producer, CEO of the Nile Project Mina Girgis; founder and director of the Alzheimer’s Poetry Project Gary Glazner; writers and performers Matt Gould and Griffin Matthews; producing artistic director of StageOne Family Theater Idris Goodwin; urban planner, designer, and author Ryan Gravel; Deputy Mayor for Racial Equity and Priority Initiatives in St. Louis, Missouri Nicole Hudson; architect and Founding Partner of 180 Studio Trung Le; management consultant for non-profits Liz Manne; Executive
Director of the Center for Artistry and Scholarship Linda Nathan; professor of biology at the University of Utah and National Geographic Explorer Nalini Nadkarni; founder of the Foundation of Art and Healing Dr. Jeremy Nobel; Senior Advisor for Innovation to the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts Bill O’Brien; president of Games for Change Susanna Pollack; president of The Field Foundation of Illinois Angelique Power; Kennedy Center Chairman David M. Rubenstein; Kennedy Center President Deborah F. Rutter, director of the Student Experience Lab at the Business Innovation Factory, d. school of Stanford University and author of Hip Hop Genius: Remixing High School Education Sam Seidel; conceptual artist Hank Willis Thomas; and Aspen Institute Arts Program director and incoming President of The Juilliard School Damian Woetzel.

Arts Summit also serves as a convening for the Kennedy Center’s Citizen Artist Fellows. The Citizen Artist Fellows program recognizes artists across the country who utilize their art form for positive impact on communities small and large. Launched as part of the Center’s celebration of President John F. Kennedy’s legacy through his ideals of courage, freedom, justice, service, and gratitude, the program is built honoring these enduring principles. Fellows receive opportunities to showcase their voice and work, as well as join in a year of learning and conversation centered around career development and impact. The 2017–2018 class of fellows (Michelle Angela Ortiz, Ekene Ijeoma, Katie Wyatt, De Andrea Nichols, Hakim Bellamy, Vijay Gupta, and Reena Esmail) will participate in this year’s Arts Summit through performances and presentations, and will serve as moderators and facilitators during the day-long event. The 2018–2019 class of Kennedy Center Citizen Artist Fellows will be formally announced for the first time. Arts Summit provides a valuable touchpoint for the Fellows as the conversations, ideas, and relationships built during the event help shape their current and future work as Citizen Artists.

Arts Summit is presented in collaboration with the Annenberg Foundation, dedicated to advancing public well-being through improved communication, and the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, the renowned performing arts and culture hub located in Beverly Hills, California; The Aspen Institute Arts Program, which was
established within The Aspen Institute to develop policies and programs that strengthen the reciprocal relationship between the arts and society and to return the arts to the center of the Institute’s “Great Conversation,” and Citizen University, a Seattle-based organization founded by author Eric Liu that is dedicated to community-building and teaching leadership in civic life. Additional thought partners include Trung Le from 180 Studio and Sam Seidel of Stanford University’s school, who collaborated in shaping the day’s agenda and recommending panelists.

The Arts Summit is generously supported by the Annenberg Foundation, which, under the leadership of Chairman, President, and CEO Wallis Annenberg, has provided a grant to support the Summit.

For more information, please visit the Kennedy Center Arts Summit website.

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<td><strong>INSPIRATION:</strong> Dynamic Conversations, Performances, and Keynote with Artists and Experts in the areas of:</td>
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<td><strong>ACTION:</strong> Future-Focused Group Discussions with Audience Members, Artists, and Experts</td>
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5:30–7:00 p.m.  |  Reception

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
General admission is $175 per person. Student admission is $20 per person. To register, visit kennedy-center.org/summit. For registration questions, call (202) 416-8141 or email artssummit@kennedy-center.org.

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The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is America’s living memorial to President Kennedy. Under the guidance of Chairman David M. Rubenstein, and President Deborah F. Rutter, the nine theaters and stages of the nation’s busiest performing arts facility attract more than three million visitors to more than 2,000 performances each year, while center-related touring productions, television, and radio broadcasts reach 40 million more around the world.

The Center produces and presents performances of music, dance, comedy, Hip Hop, and theater; supports artists in the creation of new work; and serves the nation as a leader in arts education. With its artistic affiliates, the National Symphony Orchestra and Washington National Opera, the Center has produced more than 300 theatrical productions, and dozens of new ballets, operas, and musical works, in addition to hosting numerous international cultural festivals. The Center’s Emmy® and Peabody Award–winning The Kennedy Center Honors is broadcast annually on CBS and annual The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor is broadcast on PBS.

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