

MEDIA ADVISORY

March 11: Students Perform with Taboo, Keb' Mo', Trombone Shorty, Valerie June and more at the Kennedy Center Turnaround Arts Talent Show

Saturday rehearsals and Sunday performance open to media with RSVP

Talent Show celebrates the power of the arts to bolster reform efforts, and the progress being made in the 73 Turnaround Arts schools nationwide

WHAT: Hundreds of students from across America perform at the Turnaround Arts Talent Show alongside with Taboo, Keb' Mo', Trombone Shorty, Valerie June, Bernie Williams, Paula Fuga, and more on stage at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Eisenhower Theater. Along with musical and dance performances, students are putting final touches on paintings, photography and poems, that will be displayed in the Kennedy Center's Hall of States through the end of March. Students will be rehearsing at the Kennedy Center on Saturday for preview pieces.

The Kennedy Center Turnaround Arts Talent Show celebrates the growth and talents of Turnaround Arts students nationwide, along with the power of the arts to help change schools and lives. By their second year in Turnaround Arts many schools see improvements in math and reading scores, increases in attendance and enrollment, and decreases in discipline issues. The program works with local and national partners to provide art, music and theater opportunities, and arts-based learning throughout the school day.

[Turnaround Arts](#) is a national program run by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts that infuses struggling schools with the arts as a proven strategy for reform. Turnaround Arts works in 73 schools in 37 school districts in 17 states and the District of Columbia.

WHO: Hundreds of students and their teachers from Hawai'i to Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. High-profile artist mentors including Taboo (Black Eyed Peas), Trombone Shorty, Keb' Mo', Valerie June, Paula Fuga, David Brooks, Bernie Williams, and more.

WHEN: *Rehearsals:* **Saturday, March 10, 2018:** 9AM-1PM*, Rehearsal Rooms

Show Day: **Sunday, March 11, 2018**
Interview opportunities: 3-3:45PM, Russian Lounge*
Performance: 4PM, Eisenhower Theater

WHERE: **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**, 2700 F St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20566, intersection of New Hampshire Ave NW and Rock Creek Pkwy

Rehearsal Rooms (Saturday) and Eisenhower Theater (Sunday)

*Media must RSVP to contact below to attend and have escort (last minute OK!)

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