

YPFuture

ENSURING THE FUTURE OF THE BLANK'S YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

YPFuture is a member community passionate about investing in the future of theatre. Our mission is to establish and grow a robust, sustainable, and supportive community whose contributions will ensure the future of The Blank Theatre's Young Playwrights Festival.

We're proud of the last 26 years. The Blank has produced 320 plays by young writers ages 9 to 19 selected from over 5,000 nationwide submissions. Nowhere else in the world can young playwrights see their visions come to life on stage in professional productions with caring and capable mentoring to help them develop their craft and themselves.

YPF alumni like Tony Award-winner **Stephen Karam** and Doris Duke Artist Award-winner **Lauren Yee**, have made major marks in theatre. Others like **Austin Winsberg**, creator of NBC's new *Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist*, **Kit Steinkellner**, creator of Facebook Watch's *Sorry For Your Loss*, have launched incredible careers in film, television, media, and music.

YPF alums use what they learn in the Festival to excel in the arts, business, education, media, non-profits, and public service.

No matter their path, YPF has impacted the trajectory of hundreds of young people who benefitted from their stories being told.

YPFuture...

- Assures the future of theatre by enabling members to provide a sustainable fiscal support structure for the Young Playwrights Festival in 2020 and beyond
- Provides resources to expand awareness and support for the Young Playwrights Festival nationally and internationally
- Uses a subscription model that allows members to contribute financial resources on a monthly or annual basis
- Encourages members to aggregate contributions within their own social and professional communities
- Gives opportunities to members to contribute expertise to support and enhance the growth and sustainability of the Young Playwrights Festival and YPFuture

Vision

Our vision is to create a cohesive, focused network which can help us sustain and expand the Festival.

For example, we want to offer financial support to winners to allow them to travel to Los Angeles to participate in the rehearsal and performance process.

We also want to expand the Festival's reach to include local/regional competitions, international submissions, educational and mentoring outreach, and alumni and community collaboration.

Membership

As part of YPFuture, you are collaborating with a group of like-minded creative professionals who are passionate about young people and the arts.

For many of us, contributing to YPFuture is a homecoming – returning to support a program that gave us so much. Your membership fees will sustain the Festival and help it grow. Simply put, this work will not be possible without your support.

Special access and engagement opportunities will be offered to you as a thank you for the significant impact you make in preserving The Young Playwrights Festival.

Our members will have access to free, exclusive, in-person networking events as well as online webinars and content, special recognition at Young Playwrights Festival events, and other personal and professional perks.

**We invite you to become a
Founding Member of YPFuture as...**

A VISIONARY

\$1500 minimum annual contribution (\$125/month)
three year minimum commitment

A CHAMPION

\$500 minimum annual contribution (\$42/month)
one year minimum commitment

**To start your YPFuture Founding Membership
please call 323.871.8018
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