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**Youth on Record Partners With The Kennedy Center to Present “Founding Our Future: An Arts Declaration of What’s Possible”**

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September 23, 2020 – Denver, CO: Youth on Record joins forces with The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and members of Colorado’s expansive creative community to present **Founding Our Future: An Arts Declaration of What’s Possible**, a virtual field trip experience on Friday, November 6th from 1-2pm Mountain Time.

All middle and high school educators who sign on to bring their students to this “virtual field trip” will receive a teaching guide from YOR that will help teachers prepare students for the performance content, and will support in a field-trip classroom discussion following the event. **These resources will be free to all educator partners.** [Sign up now.](#)

This collaborative performance centers the voices of our nation’s youth, while amplifying the untold and unseen histories of the Colorado west through poetry, dance, music, video, sound-art, and storytelling.

“This is a one-of-a-kind digital showcase. Colorado’s prophetic artists will do what they do best - create a vision about what’s possible when we build a nation where all people have a seat at the table.” said Andrea Viarrial-Murphy, Director of Visibility.

After the performance there will be a live talkback with youth performers to learn more about what they envision for the future of their communities and their country.

This event will be broadcast via the John F. Kennedy Center's Facebook Live, YouTube, and their website. To learn more about the event, visit [kennedy-center.org/digitalstage](https://www.kennedy-center.org/digitalstage)

**About Youth on Record**

YOR recognizes that education alone can not solve for systemic injustice, nor can it, alone, liberate youth. Art is a powerful tool, but it also cannot bear the sole responsibility for creating more equitable communities. Still, education and art, when integrated under the right framework, are powerful tools toward liberation and equity.



YOR's education, music, and community programs are designed to help young people become *more* free, *more* rooted in their personal power, and better able to thrive in spite of systems and circumstances that dis-empower and marginalize them.

YOR designs and implements strengths-based, music-centered programs intended to equip young people from historically under-resourced communities with the skills needed to find success in life—by advancing their academic success, increasing their economic opportunities and career skills, and strengthening their community connections and networks.

For more visit [youthonrecord.org](http://youthonrecord.org) and on social media @youthonrecord

### **About The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is America's living memorial to President Kennedy—presenting the greatest performances from around the world, nurturing new works and young artists, and serving as a leader in arts education.

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