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### ***Intercultural Youth Music and Dance Festival 2019***

On **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at Riverdale High School in Pierrefonds**, the Youth Stars will be hosting their second annual **Intercultural Youth Music and Dance Festival**. The festival will focus on **intercultural exchanges** and providing accessibility for youth of all communities who cannot afford to participate in traditional festivals due to overwhelming registration fees.

**One lucky winner will have the chance to be interviewed and will perform on the Global TV morning show on April 29th!!!**

The festival is a **family event** open to the public and geared towards youth between the ages of 6 and 20 yrs and will be hosted by media personality **Malik Shaheed**. The festival's main goal is to promote intercultural exchange through **music, theater and dance workshops, panel discussions and a showcase**.

#### **FREE Dance, Theater & Music Workshops**

The festival offers free music, theater and dance workshops. **The music workshop** will be held from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm and will focus on **song writing 101**. **The theater workshop** will take place from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm and **will teach kids how to create exciting stories and fascinating characters using improv**. Next, **the dance workshop** from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm hosted by internationally known dancer *Tash from Las Vegas*, who will be doing a **"A Hip-Hop Party Dance Workshop"** which will teach kids the most popular dance moves.

#### **FREE Panel Discussion (Open to the public)**

The festival will feature a panel discussion at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm hosted by speakers from visible and non-visible minority groups. The panel will discuss ***"What does Quebec need to do to become a more inclusive society"*** and ***"The impact of interculturalism on dance, music, beauty, fashion and pop culture"***. Tash from Las Vegas will be also discussing ***"the social and historical context of American Street Dance, and it's best practices and her life experiences in the dance world"***

#### **Showcase**

Finally, the youth will have the opportunity to showcase their own music, dance, rap, singing, theatre, poetry, spoken word, and graphic art pieces to celebrate and showcase interculturalism! **The showcase is free for all participants. Free audience admission for kids under the age of 11 years old. 5\$ for High School students and adults pay 15\$.**

The Youth Stars Foundation is a non-profit organization based out of Montreal, serving a diversely linguistic and cultural youth population. The Youth Dance & Music Festival is our way of bringing Youth and their families of all walks of life together in a celebration of diversity and respect.

This event is partially funded through the U.S. Mission to Canada Public Affairs Grants Program, which supports activities that promote U.S.-Canada bilateral relations.

For more information on how to register, to become a partner or to sponsor our festival, contact us at (514)-800-9746 or [info@youthtstars.org](mailto:info@youthtstars.org).

Sincerely, Sofia Mayorga

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