

Lee Daniels, Erika Alexander & More Attend Theatre Leadership Project Celebration



TTLP Founder and Fellows

The Theatre Leadership Project was created during the pandemic to make changes in the theatre world by installing BIPOC leadership in the industry. The group had its first in-person event Monday, October 24th at the Brooklyn Chop House in New York City's Times Square. Actress Erika Alexander and film producer Lee Daniels were amongst a group of attendees that included Fellows; Founders; Advisory Council members, including Aalithya Stevens and Olivier Sultan; funders Darren Johnston, Dessie Moynihan and Robert E. Wankel; and Warren Adams and Orin Wolf from TTLP partners Black Theatre Coalition

(BTC) and The Prince Fellowship Director.

Barbara Broccoli, Alecia Parker, Patrick Daly and Travis LeMont Ballenger established TTLP in 2020 and they have raised more than \$1 million to support their fellows and placed six in Broadway general management firms for training in general management and company management. Fellows have worked on Broadway shows including *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Kinky Boots*, *Macbeth* and *Some Like It Hot*.

“The work of building a more welcoming, inclusive and fair industry doesn’t happen alone. We are in need of community to sustain the change we seek to make, so we are fortunate to be doing this work hand in hand with partners who are dedicated to long term change,” said TTLP Program Manager Leah Harris. “We are proud of the work our fellows are accomplishing and are eager to continue following and supporting their success.”

TTLP is currently raising money for the addition of a stage management program. For more information check out their [official website](#).



1776's Liz Mikel



Erika Alexander and producing partner Ben Arnon



Lee Daniels

Gabourey Sidibe, Big Freedia, Roxane Gay & More Urge Voters To Use Their Voice



Musician Big Freedia and writer Roxane Gay in conversation for Black Public Media's BE HEARD!

A series of snippets of conversations between Big Freedia and Roxane Gay, Erika Alexander and comedian Brian Babylon, Â Â Gabourey Sidibe and Ohio State Senator, Nina Turner and political commentators Jehmu Greene and Shermichael Singleton regarding issues affecting the Black community before the election are available on social media platforms Facebook, Tik Tok, Instagram and Twitter until November 3rd. Black Public Media's Be Heard! campaign is designed to engage voters around the topics of policing and the Black community, the importance of voting, political action and reparations. Viewers can engage in the dialogue by following the hashtag #VoteBeHeard and by visiting beheard.blackpublicmedia.org.



Actor Gabourey Sidibe and former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner discuss reparations as part of BE HEARD!

Media Questions Of The Week

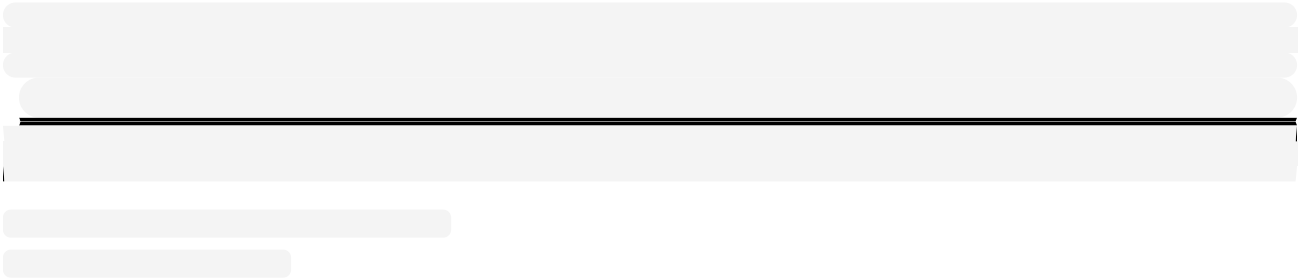
It's disappointing and appalling [@NFL](#) & [@EA](#) took [@Kaepernick7](#)'s name out of my verse on Big Bank for Madden 19, like it was a curse word. When he's not a curse, he's a gift! Nobody from my team approved any of this.

– Sean Don (@BigSean) [August 2, 2018](#)

Why was Big Sean's line about Colin Kaepernick removed from Madden 19?Â



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A post shared by Erika Alexander (@erikaalexanderthegreat)

Did Erika Alexander passively announce a *Living Single* reboot?Â Â



Who will take Cardi B's place on Bruno Mars' tour?Â