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HEARTS TO ART



# Tradition

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## WELCOME TO THE 16<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HEARTS TO ART!

The theme for this year is Tradition. It was a theme that I chose many months ago when we started the conversation of changing our memorial ceremony. For the past 15 years, Hearts to Art has always done a memorial to honor our campers' parents who have died, by having a balloon launch ceremony at Buckingham Fountain. We decided that for environmental reasons, this practice is no longer responsible. How can we have a memorial about honoring life if we are not honoring the life of our planet?

On the other hand, Balloon Launch is so synonymous with camp that to celebrate our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Hearts to Art staff had balloons on our camp t-shirts. It is the image on our programs. On our website. On our brochures. It is an image that campers draw in letters to us and that campers and caregivers alike, share as the meaningful cornerstone of our community.

So as the Camp Director I have been thinking a long time about how to best pay tribute to this element of camp that was going to be different, and that while different is not always bad, it is often hard and complicated — especially when it feels out of our control.

### **So I decided our theme should be Tradition.**

By making that the theme, my hope was to spend the summer talking honestly and openly with our campers about how traditions change and how to hold on to elements of traditions even when they look different. By experiencing the death of a parent, our campers already know so much about traditions being altered and my hope was to have the opportunity to address that as well. What do traditions mean to us? What purpose do they serve? When does it feel good to keep a tradition alive even when it's different? When does it feel good to change a tradition entirely? How do you celebrate or honor something when you are forced by circumstance to do it differently than you wish? How do you let yourself be happy about what you are celebrating, and yet simultaneously hold space to mourn what is lost? There is no one answer to these questions, but by addressing them, I hoped that campers could regain a sense of order in situations that may have felt chaotic and put upon them.

This was in November.

Never in a million years could I have imagined all the traditions that we would have to alter between then and now. But here we are. In a world that looks different to all of us, in one way or another, with many traditions, at camp and outside of camp, being adjusted rapidly all around us in a world where we all probably wish we had a little more control.

# A LETTER FROM OUR CAMP DIRECTOR

So I was forced to ask myself the questions I was going to ask our campers. What are the point of our traditions? How do we honor them? How do we make them positive even if they look different? What is essential that we hold on to and what can we adjust, at least for the time being?

I am proud of camp this year. I am immensely proud of our whole staff who leapt into the unknown with me to make this year beyond expectation. It is their passion and dedication to this program that makes it what it is. I am proud of our caregivers and campers who stood by our community even though it has been hard and full of uncertainty. I am proud of the new traditions we are creating, even as I actively mourn the ones we can't participate in this year.

Even under these circumstances, our campers have spent two weeks in meaningful community together. We have made space for their feelings about the loss of their parents but also the uncertainty of the world. We have done music, dance and theatre, we have worked with therapists, explored mindfulness, physical exercise, visual arts, craft making, cooking, baking and more. We have honored our old traditions from when we were all together in one room and created new traditions in our own homes with our families as we have all participated together, while apart.

We have even made a show for you to watch today!

A sweet 16 is a coming of age celebration. Ours looks different than we had hoped it would, but our community is a resilient one and the maturity of our program has led us to a place where we are able to thrive, even when the unexpected happens. Maybe honoring that, is actually the perfect way to come of age.

**Thank you for being here and enjoy the show!**



With Strength, Love, and Peace

Sarah Illiatovitch-Goldman

# TODAY'S PROGRAM

## **CAMP SONG**

***Lean on Me* by Bill Withers**

Featuring: EVERYONE!

## **DANCE**

***Sir Duke* by Stevie Wonder**

Featuring: Danielle, Pedro, Jayvon, Jason, Darrick, Layne

## **CAMPER DEVELOPED WORK**

**From our Workshop with Opera-Matic**

## **SONG**

***Release and Love***

**Written by the Campers and Heather Styka**

Featuring: Bella, Nkosi, Heidi, Lexy, Camille, Noelle

## **CAMPER DEVELOPED WORK**

**From our Workshop with PlayMakers Theatre**

Written by Darrick, Lexy, Evin, Ayanna

## **THEATRE**

**A Protest Piece Featuring Music:**

- ***This is America* by Childish Gambino**
- ***Glory* by Common and John Legend**

Featuring: Tyler, Noah, Aislynn, Aasiyah, Janari, Jack, Lizzie, Genevieve

## **CAMP DANCE**

**A Mash-up of Camp Dances from the Past to Honor our Great Tradition!**

Featuring: EVERYONE!

# MEET THE CAMPERS | YELLOW GROUP



**HEIDI ENZ** | Heidi's favorite art form is theatre because, well, maybe she wants to be an actress when she grows up. But maybe she will be a writer because writing is, after all, her favorite subject in school. Come to think of it, maybe she will be a writer for the theatre. To begin, she will write new plays inspired by J.K. Rowling's books, so she will need to go to London to see the Harry Potter play and maybe run into her role model, actress Millie Bobby Brown. Today, Heidi also looks to her mom as a role model, and she dedicates this performance to Aunt Nicole.

**TYLER GOLDSBOROUGH** | Tyler used to go to Australia every summer and he would love to go back — anytime! Australia is home to some great YouTubers, so he is considering using his talents in math and his love of theatre to pursue success as the next famous YouTuber who has an Australian accent. Tyler's role model is his dad, and he dedicates this performance to his family.

**NOAH HUTCHINSON** | Noah is very good at reading, in fact it's what he does best. He also enjoys drawing and so when he grows up, you may find him in his future artist studio illustrating all his favorite books during the off seasons when he is not playing basketball for the Bulls or the Lakers. Until then, Noah would like to visit Florida most of all. He dedicates this performance to his parents.

**AISLYNN JOHNSON** | Aislynn would very much like to visit Paris someday because her mom loved Paris and wanted to take her there. When she does go to Paris, Aislynn will feel right at home because it is a great place to be a writer, and Aislynn sees herself being a writer one day. Aislynn's role model is her grandma, and she dedicates this performance to her friends in New York who helped shape her into who she is today.

**Group Leader:** Jane Kittendorf | **Junior Counselor:** Octavia Abbott

# MEET THE CAMPERS | RED GROUP



**JAYVON ANDERSON** | Jayvon is a music lover. Whatever the situation, he can always find a song that fits with how he is feeling. One day he is going to be a football player. He also wants to travel the world. Jayvon's mother is very important to him and he would consider her his role model because she is so strong. Jayvon would like to dedicate this final performance to his entire family. He would list their all their names but there are too many to count!

**LAYNE DUBOIS** | Layne loves the visual arts. The way paintings look and the kind of aesthetic that they can bring to a room interests him greatly. Right now he doesn't quite know what he wants to be when he grows up, but he knows he loves math and numbers. One day, he hopes to make his way to Iceland. His grandparents have been there so many times and he looks forward to the day that he can join them. His role model is his mother because she is so strong. Layne would like to dedicate this performance to his dad.

**DANIELLE GOLDSBOROUGH** | Dani is a big fan of the visual arts, particularly the art in video games. The design and graphics in video games fascinates her and she even follows the work of some great video game artists. When she gets older she wants to learn the art of karate and teach others how to do martial arts. She also has her eyes on the vibrant country of Japan and hopes to one day to be able to visit. Her role model is her mother who has been a great support to her and her family after her dad passed away. Dani would like to dedicate this final performance to her grandmother.

**JACK RABONN** | is a proud member of the Red Group.

**GENEVIEVE RIVERA** | Genevieve is a down to earth person who loves learning about other places and other cultures. She also loves music and the variety of instruments that exist and all the different types of sounds that can be made with them. Her caregivers are so influential to her because they spend so much time supporting her hopes and dreams. Genevieve would like to dedicate this performance to her mother.

**JASON YOUNG** | Jason is a theatre person who loves the experience of acting and bringing new characters to life. One day, he hopes to make his way to Paris and explore the beautiful and historic city. Both his uncle and his brother have been a big influence on his life because they help him out no matter what and have always been there for him since his mom passed away. Jason would like to dedicate this final performance to his mom and dad.

**Group Leader:** Gillian Leonard | **Junior Counselor:** Luke Mcleod

# MEET THE CAMPERS | BLUE GROUP



**PEDRO BENGOCHEA, JR** | Pedro likes theatre because it is an art form that can be used in daily life and can become a whole lifestyle. But he also knows his facts about sports. If he could go anywhere in the world, he would go to Italy to see all the great sports teams there so that he might grow up to become a professional sportsman. It is encouraging that he gets easy A's in gym (his favorite subject in school). He dedicates his performance today to his family because, he says, "They've always been there for me even after my father passed." Pedro's role model is his mother because of her tough love.

**BELLA HUTCHINSON** | Bella enjoys theater because it's fun being different characters. Since Bella also likes to draw, she is currently using her acting and drawing talents to try out different ideas and figure out what she will be when she grows up. But one thing she does know is that she would travel to South Africa if she could go anywhere in the world because her parents visit there and so she knows it's really fun. Bella's favorite subject in school is lunch because she likes to eat. Her role model is her dad. She says, "He created a legacy which is a big thing within my family." Bella dedicates this performance to her mom and aunt because they have always been there and taken care of her.

**NKOSI INGRAM** | Nkosi's favorite art form is music because it allows him to express himself. And no matter what he does when he grows up, he is going to be successful. It will probably involve math because he likes math and it is his favorite subject in school. If he could go anywhere in the world, he would go in search of the place or country where his ancestors are from so that he can learn more about them, and maybe find a role model to look up to.

**ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" WILLIAMS** | Lizzie really likes theater, especially musicals, because she likes how all the live action comes together. Even though Lizzie is still exploring what she wants to be when she grows up, she would like to take some time to visit Japan, especially during Halloween, because of all the anime stores and cultural stores she could visit. Lunch and art are her favorite subjects in school, because of the social time. She says, "I am my own role model because I get to create my own path." Lizzie would like to dedicate this performance to her sister, who has been helping her.

**Group Leader:** Ayanna Meadows | **Junior Counselor:** Evin Williams

# MEET THE CAMPERS | PURPLE GROUP



**JANARI ANDERSON** | Janari enjoys the visual arts. They help reflect on our history and stand the “test of time.” When Janari grows up, he hopes to become a movie director. In school, he likes the sciences, especially chemistry. He would love to visit Canada some day because of the interesting food. His family is his role model, because they stay strong during difficult times. Janari would like to dedicate his performance to his father and his family.

**CAMILLE BROOKS** | Camille loves music and especially enjoys playing the piano. When she grows up, Camille would like to be a baker. During the school day, her favorite subject is math because she is very good with numbers. Someday Camille would like to visit Australia because she is particularly interested in the wildlife. She would like to dedicate her performance today to her mom.

**AASIYAH EVANS** | Aasiyah loves the visual arts. Things like drawings and paintings are pretty to look at and she likes to draw. When she grows up, Aasiyah would like to be a lawyer some day because she is very good at debating. Her favorite subject in school is science, because she enjoys learning about chemicals and how they work. Aasiyah would like to visit Puerto Rico with her grandfather one day so he could show her around. Her role model is her mom because she was always very kind and loving to everyone. Aasiyah would like to dedicate her performance to her family.

**NOELLE HUTCHINSON** | Noelle is excited to be part of Heart to Art camp this year and does not have a favorite type of art. She enjoys it all! She does not know yet what she wants to be when she grows up, but she does enjoy English during the school day. Noelle wants to travel to Ghana because she is interested in the food and the culture. She hopes that you all enjoy the final performance today.

**DARRICK JACKSON III** | Darrick enjoys music and gaming. When he grows up, he hopes to be a WWE wrestler because according to Darrick, “I am just good at it.” His favorite subject in school is Algebra. One day he hopes to visit both Canada and New York. Darrick’s role model is his father because he was very hard working. He would like to dedicate his performance to his mom and dad because he loves them both very much!

# MEET THE CAMPERS | PURPLE GROUP



**JASHON REED** | Jashon loves the “art of gaming,” because you can learn from video games and they help teach you life’s lessons. He hopes to be a basketball player one day. He has been working on his skills since he was a little boy. His favorite subject in school is math because he is very good with numbers and equations. Someday Jashon would like to visit San Diego because of all of the outdoor activities available in the warm weather. His role model is his dad because he has been with him most of his life. He would like to dedicate this performance to his mom.

**ALEXANDRA “LEXY” WILLIAMS** | Lexy enjoys visual arts because pieces of art are very pleasing to look at. When she grows up, she would like to be an author or a “cat mom,” because both of those careers sound very relaxing. Lexy really enjoys history. She finds it interesting and fun, especially when she can debate. She would love to visit Alaska as she really likes cold weather. Lexy’s role model is her mom because she is very smart and strong. She would like to dedicate this performance to her family and her cat, who watch her practice and are very supportive.

**Group Leader:** Grace Law | **Junior Counselor:** Daisy Salto

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