



HOW DO YOU **ADVOCATE FOR** AND  
**CREATIVELY EXPRESS** YOURSELF?


# 3RD ANNUAL CREATIVE ADVOCACY

WE'RE LOOKING FOR ARTISTS, ESPECIALLY YOUTH ARTISTS, TO  
ILLUSTRATE THEIR STORIES OF **MENTAL HEALTH** AND **EMPOWERMENT**.

OPEN TO 2D & 3D ART, POETRY,  
CREATIVE WRITING, AND VIDEO  
**THROUGH 4.14.2018**



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**CREATIVE ADVOCACY** IS YOUNG MINDS ADVOCACY'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ADVOCATES, YOUTH ARTISTS, AND THE COMMUNITY WORKING TO UPLIFT MENTAL HEALTH. YOUNG MINDS ADVOCACY IS A NONPROFIT BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT TURNS PROMISES OF QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH CARE INTO PRACTICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES. MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, AND TO CELEBRATE, WE'LL BE HOSTING A KICKOFF FUNDRAISER AT **SOMARTS IN SAN FRANCISCO** (934 BRANNAN ST.) ON **SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH, FROM 6 TO 9 PM.**

**WE WANT TO DISPLAY YOUR ART!** WE'RE LOOKING FOR ART THAT:

- (1) EXPRESSES THE MENTAL HEALTH JOURNEY AND CHALLENGES TO WELLNESS FACED BY YOUTH, THEIR FAMILY AND/OR COMMUNITY;
- (2) CELEBRATES YOUTH EMPOWERMENT; AND/OR
- (3) FOCUSES ON A PERSON, PLACE OR IDEA THAT HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL TO THE ARTIST'S GROWTH & HEALING PROCESS.

IF YOUR ART IS CHOSEN, IT WILL BE DISPLAYED AT A GALLERY IN SAN FRANCISCO!

**ARTISTS** ARE INVITED TO SHARE THEIR PIECES, FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES:

- (1) 2D AND 3D ART WELCOME! ALL 2D PIECES, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHY, MUST BE READY TO HANG.
- (2) EMAIL US IF YOU HAVE A VIDEO SUBMISSION.
- (3) CREATIVE WRITING PIECES (AT MOST, ONE PAGE) ARE ACCEPTED, INCLUDING SHORT STORIES, POETRY AND LYRICS.
- (4) FILES SUBMITTED MUST BE NAMED IN THIS FORMAT: **LAST NAME\_PIECE TITLE.**
- (5) UP TO 3 PIECES MAY BE SUBMITTED PER ARTIST.

SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL ARTISTS REGARDLESS OF RACE, ETHNICITY, SEX, GENDER, CITIZENSHIP, RELIGION, OR ABILITY. WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME PIECES FROM YOUTH ARTISTS (THOSE AGED **15 TO 24**). FEEL FREE TO EMAIL [INFO@YMADVOCACY.ORG](mailto:INFO@YMADVOCACY.ORG) IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

**SUBMISSIONS** CAN BE MADE AT [YMADVOCACY.ORG/CA-EVENT-2018/SUBMISSIONS](http://YMADVOCACY.ORG/CA-EVENT-2018/SUBMISSIONS).

YOU'LL NEED A PHOTO OF YOUR PIECE (FINISHED WORK(S) OR IN PROGRESS), AN ARTIST STATEMENT (150 WORDS), AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PIECE (200 WORDS). MORE INFO CAN BE FOUND ON THE SUBMISSIONS PAGE. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 14, 2018.**

**HAVE FUN!** YOUR STORIES OF MENTAL WELLNESS AND EMPOWERMENT MATTER TO US. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE HOW CREATIVE YOU CAN GET! IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, WANT TO DISCUSS IDEAS, OR LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUNG MINDS' WORK, PLEASE EMAIL [SMITHA@YMADVOCACY.ORG](mailto:SMITHA@YMADVOCACY.ORG). FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [YMADVOCACY.ORG/CA-EVENT-2018](http://YMADVOCACY.ORG/CA-EVENT-2018).

