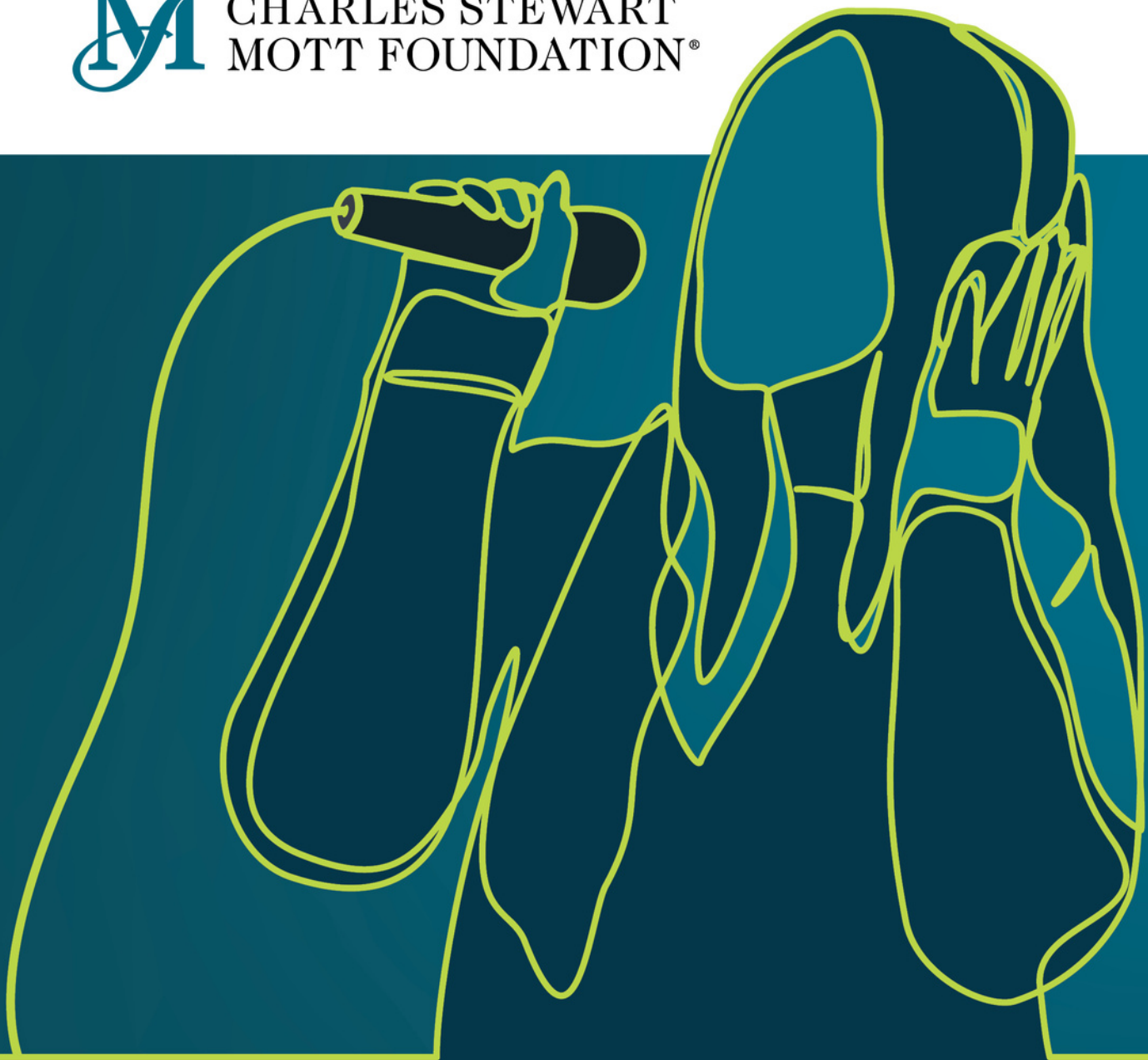




FLINT'S GOT **TALENT**

**PRESENTED BY IMICHIGAN
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Thank you, WOW Outreach, for the work you do, and good luck to all the participants in the Flint's Got Talent showcase!

The Mott Foundation is pleased to support organizations and programs that amplify the voices of young people and embrace the power of art for self-expression and healing.

FLINT'S GOT TALENT PROGRAM

DONNA ULLRICH | iMichigan Productions Co-Founder

J COOL BOY & FGT FINALIST | Opening Performance

Opening Remarks

GABRIELLA CLARKE | WOW Outreach Youth Ambassador

COLETTE BOYD | News Anchor, WNEM | Host

Welcome Remarks

TOMMIE JOHNSON | Community Relations Specialist, Mayor's Office

History of WOW Outreach

KENYATTA DOTSON | ex officio, WOW Outreach Co-Founder

Music Performance

AVA SAFLEY | FGT 2022 Winner

MYSSERTWRE | FGT Finalist

VICTORY PHIFER | FGT Finalist

LONDYN COLTER | FGT Finalist

ALLANAH LOGGINS | FGT Finalist

FLI CITYTWINZZ | FGT Finalist

RON BAILEY | Community Outreach Director | VOG

SALERA COLLINS | FGT Finalist

DESTINY HENCE | WOW Outreach Youth Ambassador

BUTTER | FGT Finalist

XAVIAR MCDONALD | FGT Finalist

NYOTA MOODY | FGT Finalist

ZY'MERE GEE | FGT Finalist

MAMA SÔL | SPECIAL MUSIC GUEST

FLINT'S GOT TALENT WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Closing Remarks

KENYETTA DOTSON | ex officio, WOW Outreach Co-Founder





RODNEY W. BROWN

Co-Founder

IMICHIGAN PRODUCTIONS



DONNA ULLRICH

Co-Founder

IMICHIGAN PRODUCTIONS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Host Committee and the Executive Planning Committee, it is with extreme pride and pleasure that we welcome you to the 2nd Annual Flint's Got Talent Showcase!

Thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate to the amazing talent of our young people. Flint's Got Talent is a platform for young people, ages 25 and younger to showcase their talents and to be seen by industry professionals. It is also an opportunity for them to shine, learn from and to network with other young people who are passionate about the arts.

I'm so proud of all of the young people competing tonight. You are an inspiration to us all. And to the parents, mentors, and other community members who are supporting these young people, thank you for your investment in their futures.

Through the tireless efforts of our dedicated team and the generous support of partners like you, we continue our mission to empower the next generation of artists and storytellers.

Enjoy the show, and let's make this an unforgettable evening!



KENYETTA DOTSON

Founder

WOW Outreach

Welcome!

It is with extreme pride and pleasure that we welcome you to the Flint's Got Talent Showcase. Thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate exceptional young artists and pay tribute to their extraordinary talents.

Flint's Got Talent shines a spotlight on young artists ages 13-25. Flint's Got Talent is designed to educate, celebrate and encourage youth artists while encouraging their creative activities, providing positive, and public experiences to reinforce their self-worth and strength and culminating with this showcase of the top 10 finalists.

The top ten finalists will be judged live by the theatre audience as well as the online audience. The winner will receive a cash prize and trophy.

Flint's Got Talent is thrilled to have CS Mott Foundation support us once again as well as the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and Comcast. There is no way to measure the gratitude we have for all our distinguished corporate sponsors.

Thank you and enjoy!

HOST



COLETTE BOYD

News Anchor
WNEM

Colette invites you to join her weekdays on TV-5 News at Noon and their newly launched News at 4 P.M. She's excited to give you an afternoon jolt and inspire you!

Colette has worn many 'hats' at TV-5 as a reporter, morning, noon & evening anchor since starting at TV-5 in 2013. Colette says her favorite 'hat' is highlighting local talent, & movers & shakers in Mid-MI & infusing inspiration & the little extras to make viewers smile and know we are all in this together.

Colette says, "For me it's a perfect mix. I get to do what I love at Noon & 4 P.M. informing viewers & letting them know how to keep their families safe & healthy- then as a hands on mom, enjoy precious time with my little sweethearts, Collette & Jaeken, after-school, in the evenings, and on weekends."

To say Colette is a diehard Wolverine is an understatement. She earned her master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. The native Detroiter even frequently shouts a random "Go Blue!". Colette began her broadcast career as an auto show spokesmodel, reporter in Florida, anchor/reporter in Lansing then made the trek to Mid-Michigan. Colette loves living in the Great Lakes Bay region and feels right at home. She even calls viewers her extended family and always lets you know you are her sweet friend.

When you see Colette out and about she would love for you to say hello. If you have a story idea, or just want to chit-chat, connect with Colette on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

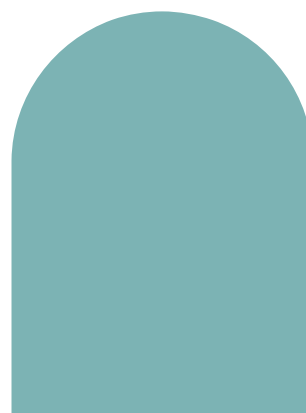


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We are proud to support
Flint's Got Talent Showcase

**WE CONGRATULATE
ALL TONIGHT'S
FINALISTS**



FEATURED GUEST

MAMA Sōl



Mama Sōl was the voice of the 2021 Detroit Pistons 'We Hustle Different' campaign, a national hip-hop and spoken word artist, transition trainer, humanitarian, two-time breast cancer survivor, publisher, and single mother.

Born and raised in Flint, Michigan, Mama Sōl is no stranger to adversity, yet she remains on a constant mission to see, bear and be Light! She has made motivating and assisting people her life's work.

Sōl's distinct style of delivery combines her love of lyrics, rhyme and music with her love for youth. She electrifies audiences, urging them to see beyond their circumstances, to choose solutions over excuses. Counteracting the negativity often associated with hip-hop, Sōl uses her extraordinary gift and passion for words to encourage others towards self-love, uplifting perspectives, and greater purpose.



FLICITYTWINZZ

We are two talented twins from Flint, Michigan. We are a pop/R&B Duo that grew up in the church singing.



LONDYN COLTER

Londyn Colter was born and raised in Flint, MI. She is currently 14 years old, a 8th grade honor roll student at Grand Blanc East Middle School and student at Heart of Worship Dance Studio. Londyn has been dancing at the studio for 4 years and has competed nationally winning 1st and 2nd and numerous awards. Dance has always been a passion since Londyn was 2 years old and continues to be today!



XAVIAR MCDONALD

Xavier is known for his innovative and creative tricks. He is also a skilled performer, and he loves to share his love of yo-yoing with others



NYOTA MOODY



ZY'MERE GEE

Zy'Mere Gee is a 17-year-old rapper and singer. He is also a member of the Youth Ambassador program at WOW Outreach. He began rapping and singing when he was 10 years old. His music is about his life experiences in Flint, and he hopes that his music can inspire other young people to follow their dreams. In addition to his music, Zy'Mere is also a talented athlete and a good student. He plans to attend college after high school.



VICTORY PHIFER

Victory Phifer is a gospel singer. She began singing at a young age, and she has been blessed with a powerful and anointed voice. Victory has performed at churches and events all over Michigan.

In addition to her singing, Victory is also a talented songwriter. She has written several original gospel songs, and she is currently working on her first album.



SALERA COLLINS

Salera Collins is a talented young musician who plays several instruments, including the piano and the flute.

She started playing the piano when she was just 5 years old, and she's only been playing the flute for one year.



MYSTERWRE

Growing up, Joshua Williams, AKA “MysterWre” has always been musically inclined. He has a dream to inspire, and encourage others to be their authentic and original selves.



ALANNAH LIGGINS

I am a singer wanting to no longer be afraid. My stage name is Ehlani Jahmiel, I go to Grand Blanc High school and in my senior year. I plan to go to either UMich or Wayne State for Crime Investigation and Animation.



BUTTER

I am a lyricist, and musical artist and I go by the name Butter. I am a recent graduate from Madison Academy high school, and I'm currently enrolling at Mott Community College to get my associates in fine arts to further my career as a musical artist.

Dancer: Tru

Congratulations

FLINT'S GOT TALENT 10 TEN FINALISTS!

SPECIAL GUEST



J COOL BOY

Jacob Hudson, known by his stage name J Cool Boy, is a dynamic rapper and a rising star in the music scene. J Cool Boy has a passion for hip-hop that runs deep, he has been a frequent performer at various local talent shows. Stay tuned for what this rising star has in store; J Cool Boy is just getting started.



AVA SAFLEY

Ava Safley is a student at the University of Michigan studying Business Administration. From early childhood to present day, music has been her form of expression to the world.

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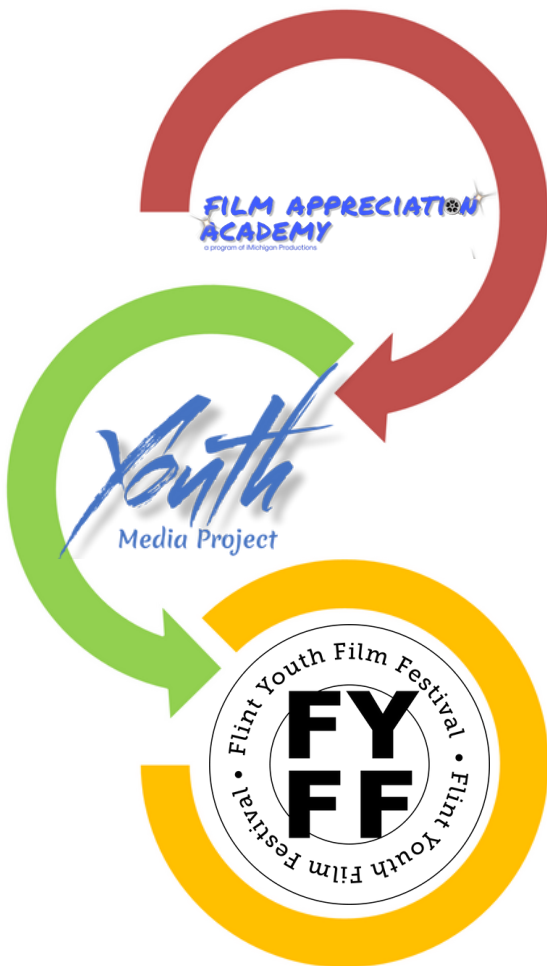
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ABOUT US

Founded by Award-winning television producer, Rodney W. Brown, iMP is a non-profit corporation that combines media production with education. iMP's Flagship program, the Flint Youth Film Festival introduces the art of filmmaking to young filmmakers between the ages of 13 and 25 and provides these young filmmakers with venues for developing their storytelling talent.



FILM APPRECIATION ACADEMY

For ages 13-25, this interactive online curriculum offers younger students the opportunity to watch major motion pictures and explore with the moderator all aspects of film making --- production elements and values, techniques and skills, plots and meaning, expression and voice, as well as career opportunities.

YOUTH MEDIA PROJECT

YMP provides experiential learning opportunities for future filmmakers, to continue preserving the many stories of America's Veterans with the help of these students and offering student workshops at community hubs throughout the city with opportunities to work with professional mentors.

FLINT YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL

The Flint Youth Film Festival introduces the art of filmmaking to young filmmakers under the age of 25. It provides these young filmmakers with venues for developing their storytelling talents as well as opportunities to share creative work with peers, the public and professional filmmakers and screenwriters.

MISSION

The mission is to inspire emerging filmmakers ages 25 and under to harness the power of storytelling to inspire and encourage positive change in the world.

VISION

Our vision is to provide emerging filmmakers a platform to showcase their perspectives through film.

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WOW

OUTREACH

WOW was established in 2007. It stems from the Outreach work and efforts of Church Without Walls Ministries. The mission of WOW is "To build safe Flint neighborhoods". WOW Outreach generates conversation around very hard topics, ignites action and collaboration among people and organizations, and most importantly gives hope to youth and families living in historically dis-invested neighborhoods. A call to action was made in the local newspaper to residents who had the desire and were willing to work towards positively changing the culture of our neighborhoods, communities, and cities. Residents were asked to "stop talking about the issues of Flint and do something about the issues of Flint".

WOW connects families in urban communities with vital resources, strengthens the relationship of community leaders, bridges gaps between law enforcement and the community. Additionally, WOW fosters hope amongst young people who are vulnerable to becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence, works to create violence reduction practices, and assists in preventative measures offered within school and community settings.

WOW works together with other community partners to brainstorm and implement proactive strategies, while supporting each other in community programs, services, and events.

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