

NORTHLIGHT THEATRE

Guide to the 2022 Speak Up Summit *If You Can Hear My Voice*

What is the Speak Up Summit?

The Speak Up Summit is an opportunity to bring together students from our Speak Up residency programs to celebrate young artists and amplify the issues and communities that matter to them. Featuring live performances, guest artist workshops, and an opportunity to connect with other students across Chicagoland around the Speak Up themes of identity, community, and arts activism.

What is the schedule for the day?

The Summit will last from 10am - 1pm on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022.

We recommend schools arrive between 10:00am-10:30am as the Neo-Futurists' performance will start promptly at 10:30am. The doors to the theatre will open for schools as early as 9:30am and there will be pre-show arts activities in the lobby that students can participate in upon arrival. A more detailed Summit schedule can be found on [our website](#).

What are the students doing in the workshops?

After the performance and talkback, students will break out into different rooms with their workshop groups of 15-20 students. In the workshop, they will participate in theatre activities in response to the Neo Futurists show and the theme of the summit, *If You Can Hear My Voice*. Over the course of the workshop we will explore the question, "How can we use our artistic voices to share who we are, where we come from, and what we want our communities to look like?"

How will students be broken into workshop groups?

One of the goals of the Summit is to create space for inter school art-making and conversation around the themes of Speak Up (identity, community, and arts activism). However we know that coming to a new place and being asked to be creative in front of strangers can be intimidating and may not support all learners. Schools can request for their students to participate in the workshop with just other students from their classroom and/or school.

Who is going to be leading the Summit?

Northlight staff along with our cohort of professional Teaching Artists will be leading the Summit. Other staff present include our theatre production staff who will be running the sound and light boards and the Guest Artists.

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Summit 2022 Staff

You can find their bios on [our website](#).

Teaching Artists

Abaigael O'Donnell
Abby Thompson
Dinah Berkeley
Edmund O'Brien
Gus Thomas
Juniper Jones
Kelsey Chigas
Nate Cohen
Tia Jemison
Tyra Bullock

Northlight Staff

Christina Lepri
Ruben Carrazana
Alexi Siegel
Eric Smith

Bus Reimbursement

The Summit is entirely free for schools and students to participate in and Northlight is able to reimburse you for the number buses you requested in your registration form. We are happy to work with you on the easiest way to process that reimbursement. The two simplest options would be:

1. To have the bus company send the invoice directly to Northlight and we will pay the invoice.
2. To have the school pay the bus company and then have the school submit the receipt for reimbursement from Northlight.

Northlight will need **all final receipts or invoices by June 1, 2022.**

Media Release for Permission slips

Northlight will be taking photos of the summit to share with our funders and future schools. A media release for students is attached at the end of this guide.

Student Goodie Bags

Students will be given a goodie bag at the end of the day to encourage them to continue using their artistic voices. The bags will include:

- Notebooks and fun pens/pencils
- Stickers
- A candy treat (no peanuts)

There will also be an option lunch scavenger hunt where students can win additional prizes including a treat bag and gift cards.

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COVID policies

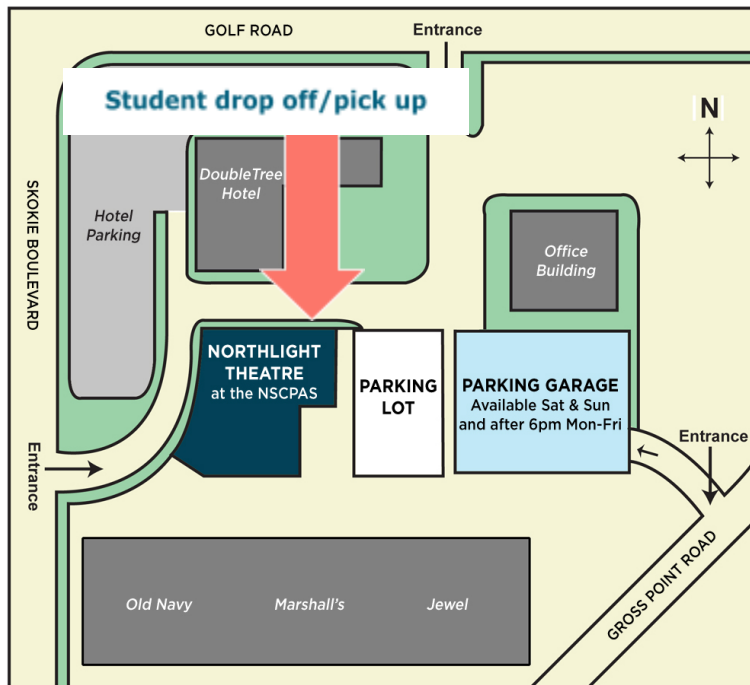
As of 4/18/2022, Northlight is requiring all students, chaperones, and staff to be fully masked for the duration of the Summit (with the exception of unmasking for lunch). The only exception will be for the Guest Artist performers who will be onstage at least 15' away from the nearest row of students.

Getting to the Theatre

Northlight Theatre is located at 9501 Skokie Blvd. in Skokie, IL, inside the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts. We are just east of the I-94 Edens Expressway (across from Westfield Old Orchard shopping center) – easily accessible from Chicago as well as the North and Northwest suburbs.

DIRECTIONS

From Chicago: Take I-94 west and exit at Old Orchard Road (east). Proceed east on Old Orchard Road to Skokie Boulevard . Turn right (south) onto Skokie Boulevard. After the intersection of Golf Road and Skokie Boulevard , make a left turn at the traffic light (Foster Ave).



Bus Parking

Buses will be able to park in the Athletico Physical Therapy parking lot just behind the main theatre parking lot.

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Media Release Form

Your student is participating in an arts education program with Northlight Theatre. Northlight Theatre is a certified, nonprofit, equity theatre located in Skokie, Illinois. The Speak Up Summit is an opportunity to bring together students from our Speak Up residency programs in an afternoon with a free theatre performance, workshops, and arts activities.

On behalf of my child _____ (*a minor for whom I exercise legal guardianship*), I consent the use of his/her recorded image, voice and quotations for the purpose of assessing, promoting, publicizing and advertising the educational programs of Northlight Theatre, and waive any claim to compensation for such use. Captured material may be used in any/all media formats currently known or to be developed, including but not limited to print, radio, television, websites, and podcasts. Any and all captured material will become the property of Northlight Theatre to be used at Northlight's sole discretion in perpetuity.

Signature of student's parent or legal guardian:

X _____ Date: _____
(signature)

X _____
(please print your name)