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## Inner-City Arts and TeenTix LA invite youth to night of live theater

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (April 2024) — Greater LA youth have a fantastic **Teen Night at the theater** in store **April 26 at 6 p.m.**, when live performance and “artivism” will fill the incredible Inner-City Arts campus downtown. The unique voices of local teenagers helped playwright Megan Tabaque create “Antigone’s Last Birthday,” an original adaptation of the ancient Greek tragedy Antigone by Sophocles premiering during this event. In collaboration with TeenTix LA, the performance of this new Latine tale of power, resilience, and relentless fervor of teen girls as agents of change, will include a talk back with the young cast, art-making focused on youth activism, networking with other creative teens, information from other arts and activist organizations on local teen offerings, and much more!

Since 2021 TeenTix LA has led efforts to increase regional arts and culture accessibility for teens, following 20 years of TeenTix success in Washington state. Its mission to decrease barriers keeping youth in LA County from enjoying the region’s rich cultural opportunities aligns with Inner-City Arts’ 35-year history of fostering a creative community for all youth and families in the city. Michael Sample, Inner-City Arts’ co-artistic director, says, “We are grateful for this partnership, providing access to live performance for teen audiences, both in our Rosenthal Theater and throughout Los Angeles. We’re inspired by how the teen leadership is collaborating to produce this event alongside our teen performers, using theater and the arts for positive change in our community.”

Local teens and their advocates are welcome to this free night of thought-provoking theater and eye-opening access to the many offerings for youth to explore self-expression through the arts. “Attendees will discover the invaluable resource that TeenTix LA represents,” Allison Whorton, the organization’s program director, says. “We hope this will be a space where teenagers can forge connections, celebrate each other’s creativity, and uncover ways to feel better connected to the arts scene in LA.” Tickets are available for free or a donation to Inner-City Arts programming at <https://inner-cityarts.org/antigone>.

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**ABOUT INNER-CITY ARTS**

Founded in 1989, Inner-City Arts is a learning oasis in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles. Under the guidance of professional teaching artists, Inner-City Arts’ students find a safe and supportive environment where they engage in a variety of visual, media, and performing art forms in a studio setting. Services include core classes during the instructional day for grade K-8 students, after school and weekend workshops for teens, and professional development training for educators. Children who attend Inner-City Arts develop crucial skills for life and work such as collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. **INNER-CITYARTS.ORG**

**ABOUT TEENTIX LA**

TeenTix LA exists to break down the barriers that prevent teens from accessing art in our community, such as ticket or admission cost, not knowing where to look for events, navigating transportation around the city, and feeling insecure around arts-going if there’s no one in their lives already championing the arts. Any teenager 13-19 can sign up for a free TeenTix pass, entitling them to purchase \$5 day-of-show tickets at any of our growing list of partner organizations in the Los Angeles area. **LA.TEENTIX.ORG**