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In the Summer of 2025, New Paradigm Theatre (NPT) will produce the lively musical *Hairspray*. This show takes place in 1962 Baltimore, where teenagers fight for racial integration on their favorite TV program, promoting equal rights for all.



As we prepare for this production, we want to give our community the tools to talk about these themes. To support this effort, we're thrilled to work with NPT Board Member Dr. Rydell Harrison, a dedicated educator from Partners for Educational Leadership to lead community-building workshops for our youth participants.



NPT youth over the years

The first two Saturdays in March, Dr. Harrison will train 15-20 of our most engaged youth in these leadership workshops. These workshops will help our students express themselves as community leaders.



Students in NPT's production of Bye Bye Birdie



Students in NPT's production of Disney's The Little Mermaid



Students in rehearsal for NPT's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Youth Board members in the NPT 2022 Gala

These students will then run peer-to-peer presentations in schools starting in April. We already have three local schools ready to partner with us, and we hope to reach even more! We are looking for more schools that want to have these 1/2 hour student-led presentations. These workshops are completely free and can be for large or more focused groups of your students.

Our student leaders will also present these presentations as "Talk Backs" at each of our shows. Our workshops will provide tools to understand and to work with one another, and create a sense of belonging in their schools. Through interactive discussions, students will learn to develop skills for public speaking that promote understanding. We look forward to this exciting journey!

WRITE TO INFO@NPTHEATRE.ORG to book for your school!

Register as a student for this summer to participate!

