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**New Generation Fine Arts Foundation to Showcase  
Young Aspiring Artists of All Races and Abilities**

DETROIT - New Generation Fine Arts Foundation (NewGen) is excited to make its debut as a performance based foundation with the purpose of showcasing youth from underrepresented groups and those with developmental disabilities. Programs are available for elementary through college aged students in the Metro Detroit area.

NewGen was created by Kendall Owens, a double major in dance and nursing at Western Michigan University. Kendall has performed in dance the majority of her life and envisions a vehicle to promote the arts while also giving back to the youth of her community.

“As a young child, I realized the powerful impact the arts could have on people regardless of their color or ability.” Kendall goes on to say, “But I noticed access to opportunities presented challenges to some youth from underrepresented and developmentally disabled groups. I intend to use my foundation to make opportunities available to everyone.”

The foundation’s mission is to offer greater accessibility and opportunity for underserved, aspiring artists and those with developmental disabilities in emerging generations.

The foundation’s vision is for all artists to have endless opportunities and resources that inspire cultivation of their craft and cultural awareness for greater community engagement.

NewGen will offer programs and services and be actively involved in community outreach. The organization’s signature event, *Blaqk Box*<sup>SM</sup>, will include two days of master classes taught by renowned industry professionals, educational workshops, and culminate in a showcase of talent. The *Blaqk Box*<sup>SM</sup> Showcase will debut July 2018. Registration for classes and auditions will open in March 2018. Auditions for the *Blaqk Box*<sup>SM</sup> Showcase will be held in May 2018. For more program information, please visit the NewGen website, [www.NewGenFineArts.org](http://www.NewGenFineArts.org).

**New Generation Fine Arts Foundation** is a **501(c)(3)** nonprofit organization created for educational and charitable purposes and is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a public charity having exempt status. NewGen takes a holistic approach to presenting fine arts and its core activities to underserved youth and those with developmental disabilities.

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All the Best,  
Kendall Owens



Executive and Artistic Director

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