

The background is a dark charcoal grey. It is decorated with various abstract, geometric, and organic shapes in bright colors: yellow, red, green, and white. In the top left, there's a yellow star-like shape with a red dotted pattern. To its right, a red square and a yellow circle are partially visible. A green wavy line is in the top right. A large green triangle with black dots is on the right side. At the bottom left, there's a yellow and green shape with a red 'X' pattern. A white and yellow plaid triangle is at the bottom right. A large red circle with a black outline and a white center is in the bottom right corner, with a yellow and red dotted pattern inside it. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

PRESENTERS

THE FUTURE IS OURS TO PROTECT

RISE UP

**YOUTH EMPOWERMENT ON GUN VIOLENCE
PREVENTION, LEADERSHIP & ADVOCACY SUMMIT**

BROTHER RA

community organizer, facilitator, writer,
and mental health advocate

JOURNAL JOURNEY 11:00–11:30

This interactive session is perfect for individuals looking to explore new ways of self-expression and mental clarity. Discover how the simple act of writing can become a powerful tool for self-care, helping you navigate emotions, set goals, and celebrate personal growth.



MS. PRINCESS TITUS

educator, orator, and trauma doula

PEACE ARCHITECTS

11:00–11:30

Become a catalyst for change in your community by reducing community violence. In this transformative session you will learn how to mediate disputes, facilitate dialogue, and build sustainable peace initiatives that bridge divides and strengthen your community.



TIGR LILY

DJ and self-taught sewist

DJING 101

11:45–12:15

Dive into the dynamic world of DJing designed for aspiring DJs. This hands-on experience will guide you through the basics of mixing, transitioning songs, and understanding the essential equipment. Whether you're looking to rock a party, start a new hobby, or even carve out a career in music, this workshop will set the foundation for becoming a skilled DJ.





BARON BROOKS

Actor

IMPROV ACTING

11:45–12:15

Unleash your creativity and quick thinking with our Improv Acting Essentials workshop. This workshop is ideal for anyone looking to dive into the world of improvisational theater without any prior experience. Learn how to trust your instincts and respond spontaneously.





CHRIS MCDUFFIE

Photographer & Filmmaker

PHOTOGRAPHY

11:45–12:15

Led by a professional photographer, this workshop focuses on the craft of capturing moments through the lens. Participants will learn about different photography styles, camera settings, lighting techniques, and composition. Ideal for both beginners and those with some experience, the session will include practical exercises to apply what you learn in real-time.





JOSHUA LEWIS

father, activist, artist, and emerging farmer

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:

11:45–12:15

Cap off an empowering day with "Voices United: A National Call to Action Against Gun Violence," a high-impact closing conversation at the Rise Up Youth Summit. It's about engaging, questioning, and preparing to act. As part of the audience, you'll have the unique opportunity to participate actively in the discussion, contributing your own ideas and solutions.



NEKIMA LEVY ARMSTRONG

civil rights leader, attorney, author, and entrepreneur

HARMONY IN THE HOOD

1:30–2:00

Join us for the "Building Bridges" session, where you'll engage in a critical conversation about the evolving relationship between our community and the police. This discussion will explore the history, challenges, and future of community policing. Learn about the steps we can take to foster a safer, more cooperative environment and how you can play a part in shaping a just and equitable future for all.





NATHANIEL KHALIQ

community leader and activist

WISDOM FROM THE FRONTLINES

1:30–2:00

Dive into a transformative dialogue with our community elders who have been at the forefront of social justice and freedom fighting. Hear their stories, understand what strategies have worked, and discuss how you can carry forward the torch of change. Bring your questions and prepare for an inspiring exchange that bridges generations in the fight for justice!



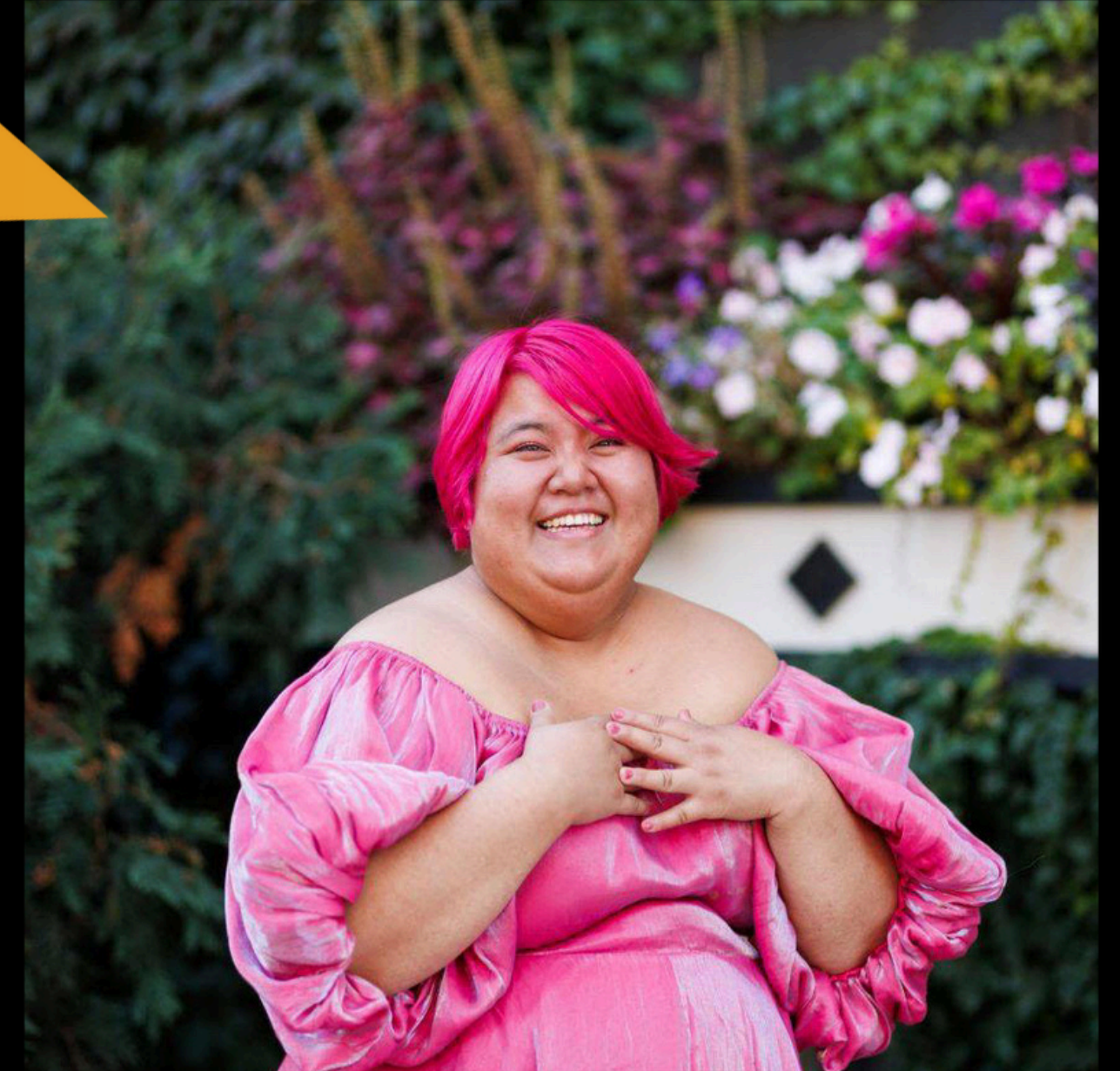


SHEENA VANG

visual artist with a wildflower spirit

ANIME CARICATURE PORTRAITS: **12:00–3:00**

Have you ever wondered what you would look like as an anime character? Now is your chance to find out! Get your unique anime caricature portrait created!



MEENAKSHI

Henna artist

HENNA

12:00–3:00

Experience the beauty and tranquility of henna artistry. Our skilled henna artists will adorn you with exquisite designs that symbolize joy and protection.





ELIZER DARRIS

speaker, strategist, transformative coach,
and change maker

CLOSING CEREMONY

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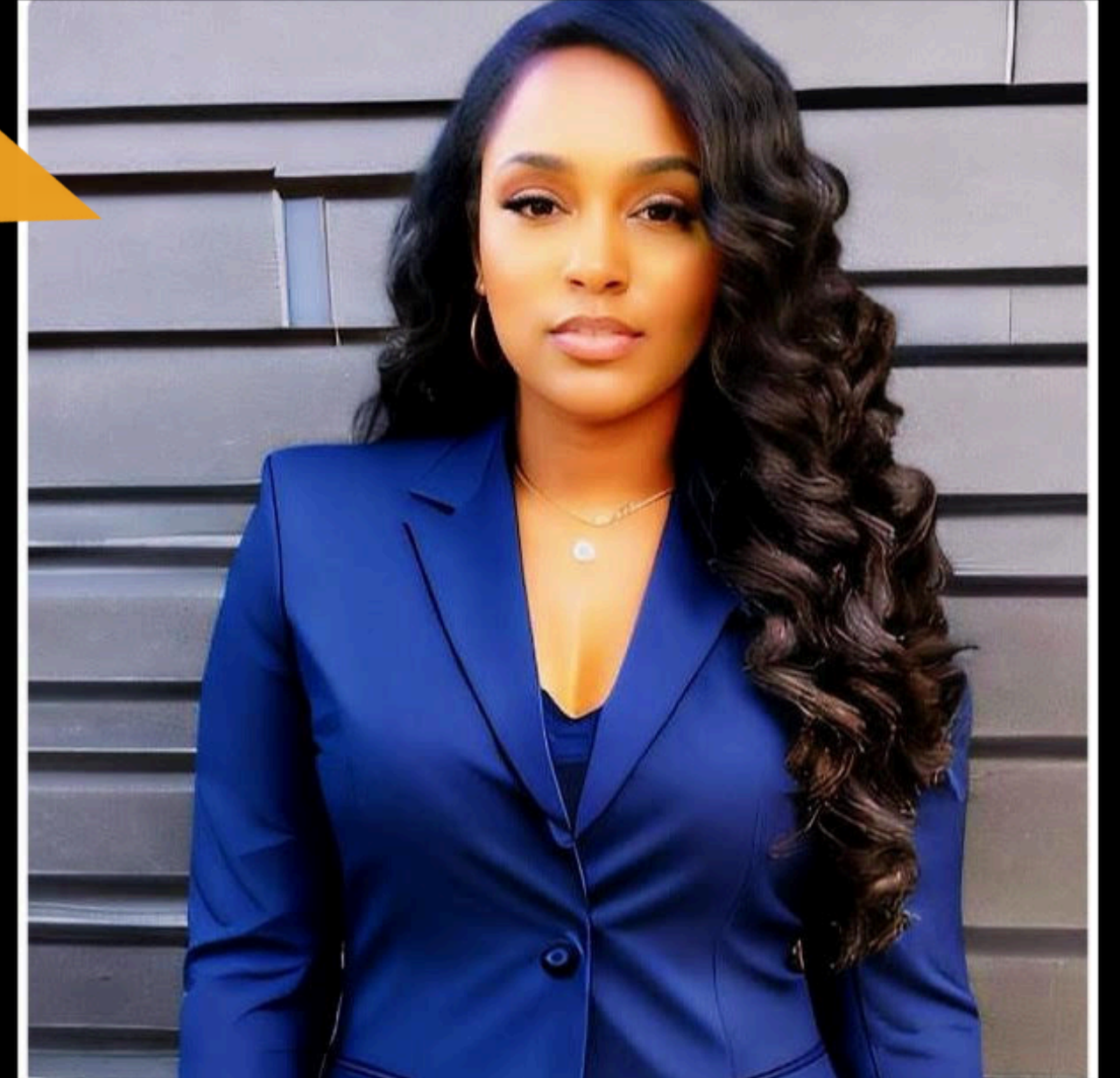
SHADOE DARRIS

community leader and activist

UNBOXED PAINTING

11:00–11:30 & 11:45–12:15

Break free from the boxes society places on you, and reimagine yourselves as whole, powerful, and limitless. Participants will paint on individual canvases using reflective prompts to express their true identities through color, shape, and symbolism.



NOVAL NOIR

multidisciplinary artist, wellness practitioner, and community organizer

ART INSTALLATION

12:00–3:00

Step into a world of expressive and impactful art. Engage with the pieces that tell stories of resilience, hope, and the power of youth voices in shaping our society.



LESLIE E. REDMOND

Founding Executive Director of Win Back
and founder of "Don't Complain Activate."

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TRISTAN MACK WILDS

Actor

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