

## **Call for Student Participants**

### **21 Black Futures**

#### **Seeding the Future**

A partnership between Obsidian Theatre Company, CBC Arts, York University, Brock University

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As part of Obsidian Theatre Company's 21 Black Futures season, we are seeking 21 Black theatre students from across Canada to offer creative responses to 21 monodramas written, directed, and performed by Black artists responding to the question "What is the future of Blackness?" The monodramas will premiere exclusively on CBC Gem in three parts, on February 12, 19, and 26.

Participants will receive a \$150 honorarium and direct mentorship from a Black journalist, scholar, or artist. Your responses can take the form of a 300-400 word written response, a TikTok or IG video, or an audio recording (two minutes maximum). You will post your response on social media using the project's hashtags. All of the responses will be posted on the CBC Arts website and a selection of them will be published in the *Toronto Star*.

The ambitious, nationwide 21 Black Futures project celebrates the 21st birthday of [Obsidian](#), Canada's leading culturally specific theatre company, and is the brainchild of its new artistic director, Mumbi Tindyebwa Otu. Mumbi took over the company last year in the middle both of the Covid pandemic and the global outcry against anti-Black racism was at the forefront of cultural and political discussions. "I felt an urgent need to respond to the moment we're in and to create an opportunity for artists to respond," says Mumbi.

A full list of the 63 Black writers, directors, and performers participating in this project is [here](#) - this is an amazing group of creative, outspoken, and innovative artists who are at the heart of Canada's cultural life.

What's missing from this project is YOU - Black university and college-age students, who are part of the present and will be the future of Black theatre in Canada, and of the country itself! Please consider sharing your creativity and voice in this project: We want and need to hear you.

#### How to apply

Please send your name, a statement (one paragraph maximum) about why you want to be involved in this project, an idea of what form you'd like your response to take (which can be subject to change), and contact information for a reference to [21StudentVoices@gmail.com](mailto:21StudentVoices@gmail.com).

Deadline: February 8, 2021