



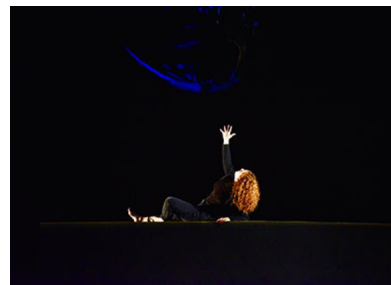
# BENNINGTON ALUMNI NEWS

A Newsletter  
for Alumni  
and Friends



## The Best of the Best

*The Princeton Review* and the *U.S. News* released their rankings for the top colleges in America, with Bennington featured on lists for Most Innovative Schools, Great Professors, Great Classroom Experiences, and more.



## Next Steps

Following their work as [2021 Lucille Lortel Theatre Foundation Fellows](#), **John Baller '22**, **Marley-Rose Liburd '22**, **Thomas Finegar '22**, and **Imara Glymph '23** have received offers of employment! Impressed by their performance and passion for theatre, host sites have invited these students to join their team beyond Field Work Term arrangements. Employers include Rattlestick Playwrights Theater, National Black Theatre, The Classical Theatre of Harlem, and The Billie Holiday Theatre, respectively.



## Projection, Protection, and Priestessing

Textile artist and activist **Michael Sylvan Robinson '89**, who designed the met Gala outfit worn by theater producer Jordan Roth, [shared their Bennington Story](#) with **Mary Brothers '22**. Robinson's work was also [highlighted](#) in *Vogue*.



## Creating a Sense of Belonging

In this Q&A, [get to know](#) **Dr. Alfredo Medina, Jr.**, Bennington College's Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and College Diversity Officer.



## lambs of Identity

On her podcast *Balance Me*, **Tinashe Chiura '23** [spoke with](#) former visiting faculty member **Maboula Soumahoro**, whose book Chiura studied in **Noëlle Rouxel-Cubberly's** [L'Afrance](#) course. Soumahoro [will return](#) to Bennington to present the translation of her book *Black is the Journey, Africana the Name* on November 18 at 7:00 pm in Tishman.

## Innovation and Liberal Arts Education

**Beatrice Ugolini '16** is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Hong Kong University. She recently [published an article](#), which uses Bennington as a case study to illustrate innovation among liberal arts institutions, in HKU's journal *Academic Praxis*.

## Announcements:

### Deborah Kaufmann '74 Awarded Visionary Leadership Award

During Fall Weekend, performer, healthcare clown, and Healthy Humor co-founder **Deborah Kaufmann '74** [was honored](#) as the 2021 recipient of Bennington College's Elizabeth Coleman Visionary Leadership Award. Visit Bennington College's Flickr [to see photos](#) of Fall Weekend and Kaufmann's award presentation.

### Calling All Young Writers!

Invite the 9th to 12th grade students in your life to submit to Bennington College's annual [Young Writers Awards](#), which awards cash prizes of up to \$1,000 and Bennington scholarships up to \$60,000 for students' poetry, fiction, and nonfiction. Submissions are open through November 1.

### Find your Connection

Looking for networking opportunities or alumni in your city? Log onto [Bennington Connects](#) and use our smart filters to find exactly who you're looking for. You can ask for help, offer to mentor, post a job, promote your business, create a group, and so much more on the platform.

### Presidential Community Meeting

President **Laura Walker** and Provost **Maurice Hall** met with alumni on September 28, and you can view the recording [here](#). Thank you to everyone who attended, and please look out for future community meetings with college leaders.

### This is Ear Hustle

*This Is Ear Hustle: Unflinching Stories of Everyday Prison Life*, the new book by *Ear Hustle* podcast co-creators **Nigel Poor '86** and Earlonne Wood, [was listed](#) as one of Goodreads new October releases of note.

### Support Today's Students

Gifts of any size to the Bennington Fund make an immediate impact on students today. Please consider making [your gift](#) today, and thanks!

## Events:

### October 16 | NAP Concert | Kutztown, PA

Composer and musician **Nathaniel Goossen '07** [performs](#) in concert through the New Arts Program.

### October 16-17 | Gowanus Open Studios | Brooklyn, NY

Visit **Manju Shandler '95** and check out local artists and makers during the 25th [Arts Gowanus open studios](#).

### October 20 | *Coming of Age in the Paris of the West* | Sausalito, CA

Jasmin Darznik MFA '14 [in conversation](#) with Cheryl Popp about Dorothea Lange and 1920's San Francisco, based on her novel *The Bohemians* as part of the Bay Area Book Festival's "Women Lit" program.

## October 23, October 30, November 6, November 13 | Fall Open Houses | Bennington Campus & Online

Know a high school student who would thrive at Bennington College? Invite them to attend a Fall Open House, held virtually on [October 23](#) and [November 13](#), and in-person on [October 23](#), [October 30](#), and [November 6](#).

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