GIRL BE HEARD GALA

TOGETHER WE RISE

HOSTED BY COMEDIAN
ABBI CRUTCHFIELD

10.22.20
6:30 - 7:30PM EST

SPECIAL GALA HONOREE
VIOLA DAVIS
Dear Friends,

We are so happy to be here with you this evening, holding space for community and friendship. Tonight and everyday, Girl Be Heard celebrates and honors young actors and activists who tonight will share their experience, strength, and hope. This past year, their courageous stories have helped educate policymakers, community leaders, students, and citizens of all ages about the issues we care about the most.

This evening, we are thrilled to honor and celebrate the indomitable Viola Davis, whose work as an artist and activist is so exemplary for us all. Welcome to the Girl Be Heard circle, Ms. Davis!

Tonight, we gather to celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to a brighter 2021. The political climate may be grim and none of us were counting on a global pandemic, but we will never stop speaking truth to power and standing united for what is right.

We need your support more than ever. Your contributions tonight will support our free programming in NYC and beyond. Because of your support over the years, we have reached thousands of participants and tens of thousands of audience members. We’ve increased partnerships with NYC public schools and sister organizations, and continue our program in Trinidad and Tobago. If you believe our stories, if you believe in our work — tonight, we ask you to give as generously as you can to help us sustain Girl Be Heard and broaden our reach.

Together We Rise!

Chiwoniso Kaitano
Girl Be Heard Executive Director
The Celebration Begins
with host Abbi Crutchfield

'Together We Rise' Performance
by Girl Be Heard Members

Girl Be Heard Reflections
from Teaching Artists & Participants

Honoring Viola Davis
A Special Interview

VOTE! (Fannie Lou Hamer)
by Girl Be Heard Members

A Message from Our Executive Director
with Chiwoniso Kaitano

Abbi Wraps Up The Celebration!
Girl Be Heard is proud to welcome Viola Davis, award-winning actor, producer and activist, as our 2020 Gala Honoree. With a noteworthy career in film and the arts, and a powerful voice on social justice and women's rights issues, Viola is an inspiration to girls and young women everywhere.

This year's Gala is hosted by comedian Abbi Crutchfield. Abbi has been featured on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Full Frontal, Broad City, and has hosted You Can Do Better on TruTV. She has been a staple of the NYC stand-up scene for over a decade and has toured nationally.

**OUR MISSION**
Girl Be Heard builds leaders, changemakers & activists. We do this through developing, amplifying and celebrating the voices of girls and young women through socially conscious theater-making, storytelling and performance.

**OUR PROGRAMS & PERFORMANCES**
Girl Be Heard runs weekly workshops and after-school programs throughout NYC. Girl Be Heard performances educate, empower, and engage audiences in schools, universities, community settings, and corporate events. These award-winning performances – seen at the White House, TED conferences, and the United Nations and online everywhere – are written and performed by our young artivists about issues they care about most such as racism, police brutality, gendered violence, climate justice and more.
'TOGETHER WE RISE' PERFORMED BY

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Thank you!

Your support made this past year possible. Help us have a greater 2021!

Talent is distributed equally, but opportunity is not. This is why Girl Be Heard provides free programs to all participants. The more money we raise this evening, the more girls and TGNC youth we can serve in 2021, and the better we can serve them. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit. All tickets and donations are tax exempt.

Please consider a gift that is meaningful to you.

$1000 Gives COVID-19 emergency support and assistance
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$50 Provides one month of Virtual Access for a participant

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