

## FACT SHEET

### What:

[Philadelphia Young Playwrights](#)' (PYP) award-winning podcast of student voices.

### Why:

*Mouthful* centers around youth perspectives, giving voice to a wide variety of topics that affect young people and their communities more broadly. Part performance, part interview, part conversation, each episode of *Mouthful* features:

- A performance by a professional actor of a student-written monologue
- An interview with the student playwright about why they wrote the monologue
- Interviews on the topic in the community with other youth, adults, experts—anyone who can broaden the conversation

*Mouthful* prioritizes representation and inclusion, reflecting the diverse voices and values of the Philadelphia region. The majority of individuals featured are female or gender diverse and people of color.

### People are Saying:

"In *Mouthful*'s 22 minutes I learn so much about the world I live in and care about, and the next generation who will care for our world. Thank you for this real news, this beautiful work."

--PYP alumna and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Quiara Alegria Hudes

**Audience:** To date, *Mouthful* has been streamed by more than 30,000 people in 41 states.

### Accolades for Mouthful:

- *Philadelphia Magazine* "Best of Philly"
- Participant, Fifth Annual Philadelphia Podcast Festival

### Season 2 Highlights:

- **Weekly Releases:** 10, Beginning April 3, 2018
- **Notable Fact:** All 2018 featured monologues are written by young women.
- **Host:** Trenae Nuri, winner of 2017 Rad Girl Storyteller of the Year Award
- **Selected Episode Topics:**
  - Addiction
  - Sexual Harassment
  - Multi-Cultural Identities
  - Menstruation
  - Gun Violence
  - Disabilities in the Workplace
- **Schools Represented:**
  - Cheltenham High School
  - Constitution High School
  - J. R. Masterman
  - Lankenau High School
  - Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy
  - CAPA
  - George Washington Carver High
  - Central High School
  - Phila Military Academy
  - The U School

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- **Guests Include:**

- Nadya Okamoto, co-founder of [PERIOD](#), [Teen Vogue 21 Under 21](#)
- [Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg, M.D., M.S. Ed.](#), pediatrician specializing in Adolescent Medicine, author of *Building Resilience in Children and Teens*
- [Raquel Salas Rivera](#)—2018-19 Poet Laureate of Philadelphia
- [Tamir D. Harper](#)—founder [UrbEd](#), high school senior

**Season One Highlights:**

- **Weekly Releases:** April 2017 through June 2017
- **12 Episodes** (including one LIVE show and a bonus episode)
- **Notable Fact:** Of 47 total individuals featured in the season, 32 were female or gender diverse (68%); 37 were people of color (79%)
- **Selected Episode Topics:**
  - Gender identity
  - Eating disorders
  - Community policing
  - Black male engagement
  - Youth homelessness
  - Social media
- **Schools Represented:**
  - Academy at Palumbo
  - Science Leadership Academy
  - Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush
  - Cheltenham High School
  - Friends Select School
  - Masterman High School
  - Esperanza Academy
  - The Workshop School
  - Lower Merion High School
- **Guests Included:**
  - [Scott Turner Schofield](#)—transgender actor/advocate, first openly trans actor cast in a recurring role on Daytime Television in CBS's *The Bold and the Beautiful*
  - Dr. Samantha DeCaro—clinical therapist at the [Renfrew Center](#)
  - [Steve Bandura](#)—coach, Anderson Monarchs
  - Chekemba J. Fullmore-Townsend—President & CEO, [Philadelphia Youth Network](#)
  - Darcy Walker Krause, J.D., LSW, C.T.—Executive Director, [Center for Grieving Children](#)