

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 40,000 people in 40+ states.

Accolades for Mouthful:

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

Season 3 Highlights:

- **Weekly Releases:** 12, Beginning April 19, 2019
- **Host:** Trenae Nuri, winner of 2017 Rad Girl Storyteller of the Year Award
- **Selected Episode Topics:**
 - School Shootings
 - Catcalling
 - Gender Identity
 - Social Media
 - Drunk Driving
 - The N-Word
- **Schools Represented:**
 - Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush
 - Bala Cynwyd Middle School
 - Central High School
 - Norristown Area High School
 - Upper Dublin High School
 - Science Leadership Academy
 - Lower Merion High School
 - Radnor High School
 - Germantown Friends
 - Drexel Hill Middle School

***Mouthful* is available to stream and download wherever you listen to podcasts**

- **Guests TBA**

Season 2 Highlights:

- **Weekly Releases:** 10, Beginning April 3, 2018
- **Ten Episodes** (including two LIVE shows)
- **Notable Fact:** All ten monologues were written by female writers
- **Selected Episode Topics:**
 - Addiction
 - Sexual Harassment
 - Multi-Cultural Identities
 - Menstruation
 - Gun Violence
 - Disabilities in the Workplace
- **Guests Included:**
 - 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
- **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](#)