

2022

Guide

# Brave New Futures



# Welcome to the 2022 Brave New Futures Convening!

Dear Brave New Voices Family,

Youth Speaks is honored to host you in the Bay – the beautiful home of our headquarters and the birthplace of Brave New Voices. BNV has been uplifting youth voices internationally for over two decades, and while there have been many beautiful experiences, we also recognize the necessity to reflect on the history of the festival as we plan for the future, and the many ways young people are asking the Festival to evolve.

The purpose of the Convening is to come together as a field of value-based organizations, artists and cultural leaders to imagine a new national vision for the spoken word and youth voice field, as well as tap into our collective imaginations to dream about what a future Brave New Voices Festival might look like. We may be gathering in person for only a day, but we expect this to be an impactful time together filled with rich conversation, authentic reflections, and share a few delicious family-style meals in San Francisco's culinary mecca.

For those visiting San Francisco from outside of the Bay Area for the Convening, we know your time will be very limited to experience the City (Frisco)! In the event that you're looking to get out and explore a little, we've put together a short list of restaurants and cultural sites close to where you will be housed at [Parc55 Hotel](#) in downtown San Francisco. We have also included information on public transportation and parking garages located near the Parc55 Hotel.

Happy adventuring! We thank you for embarking on building new futures!

With Brave New Voices Love,  
Mush, Executive Director, Youth Speaks

# Network Organizations

[Words Beats and Life](#)

[First Wave](#)

[Meta-Four Houston](#)

[DewMore Baltimore](#)

[Southern Word](#)

[Teens With a Purpose](#)

[Fountain City Slam, Inc.](#)

[Urban Word NYC](#)

[Young Chicago Authors](#)

[Sacramento Area Youth Speaks](#)

[Young DFW Writers](#)

[With Our Words](#)

# Participant Local Guide

## **Hotel: Parc55 Hotel**

55 Cyril Magnin St.  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 392-8000

## **Convening Location: Hotel Nikko**

(Right across Ellis Street)  
Carmel Room I & II 8am - 5pm  
Breakfast and Lunch provided  
222 Mason St  
San Francisco, CA 94102

## **Brave New Futures Performance**

8pm 7/18/22  
CounterPulse Theater  
80 Turk Street  
San Francisco 94102

## **Things To Do:**

**[A Traveler's Guide to SF Restaurants,  
Theaters, Shopping, Museums](#)**

## **Shopping:**

**[Westfield San Francisco Centre](#)**

**[ReLove - Black Owned Thrift Shop](#)**

## **Museums:**

### **Museum of African Diaspora (MoAD)**

685 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94105  
Sundays Open 12pm - 5pm

### **Asian Art Museum (AAM)** [Tickets](#)

Asian Art Museum  
200 Larkin St.  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Sundays 10am - 5pm

### **San Francisco Museum of Art (SF MOMA)**

151 3rd St, San Francisco, CA 94103  
Sundays 10am - 5pm ([Visitors Guide](#))

## **Theaters:**

### **Brava Theater** ([Events](#))

2781 24th St, San Francisco, CA 94110.

### **ACT** ([Events](#))

415 Geary St, San Francisco, CA 94102

### **The New Parish** ([Events](#))

1743 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612

### **Piano Fight** ([Events](#))

144 Taylor St, San Francisco, CA 94102

# Restaurants, Cafes & Coffee

## Red Bay Coffee

1 Ferry Building,  
San Francisco

## Al's Place

1499 Valencia St.,  
San Francisco

## Atelier Crenn

3127 Fillmore St.  
San Francisco

## Beit Rima

138 Church St.  
San Francisco

## Boulettes Larder

1 Ferry Building  
San Francisco

## Capital

839 Clay St.  
San Francisco

## Daeho Kalbijjim

1620 Post St.  
San Francisco

## Del Popolo

855 Bush St.  
San Francisco

## El Farolito

2950 24th St.  
San Francisco

## Foreign Cinema

2534 Mission St.  
San Francisco

## Gialina

2842 Diamond St.  
San Francisco

## Good Mong Kok Bakery

1039 Stockton St.  
San Francisco

## Greens

Fort Mason Center  
Landmark Building A  
2 Marina Blvd.  
San Francisco

## Hing Lung Co.

1261 Stockton St.  
San Francisco

## Ju-ni

1335 Fulton St.  
San Francisco

### **Lazy Bear**

3416 19th St.  
San Francisco

### **Mister Jiu's**

28 Waverly Place  
San Francisco

### **Nari**

1625 Post St.  
San Francisco

### **Old Mandarin Islamic**

3132 Vicente St.  
San Francisco

### **The Morris**

2501 Mariposa St.  
San Francisco

### **Palette Tea House**

900 North Point St., Suite B201  
San Francisco

### **Pearl 6101**

6101 California St.  
San Francisco

### **Reem's California**

2901 Mission St.  
San Francisco

### **Rich Table**

199 Gough St.  
San Francisco

### **Rintaro**

82 14th St  
San Francisco

### **Rooh**

333 Brannan St.  
San Francisco

### **Sorrel**

3228 Sacramento St.  
San Francisco

### **Square Pie Guys**

1077 Mission St.  
San Francisco

### **State Bird Provisions**

1529 Fillmore St.  
San Francisco

### **Swan Oyster Depot**

1517 Polk St.  
San Francisco

### **True Laurel**

753 Alabama St.  
San Francisco

### **Wildseed**

2000 Union St.  
San Francisco

### **Zuni Cafe**

1658 Market St.  
San Francisco



# Public Transportation

Located on Powell Street in the heart of Union Square, the hotel is very easily accessible by both BART (train) and MUNI (buses, light rail and cable cars).

From the airport, take any BART train to the Powell Street stop and walk four blocks up Powell Street; the entrance to the hotel is just before the corner at Sutter Street.

For more information on schedules, stops and helpful trip planners, visit:

<http://www.bart.gov/>

<https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit>

## Parking

### **Sir Francis Drake Hotel**

450 Powell St b/t Post St and Sutter St (415)  
392-7755

### **Sutter Stockton Garage**

444 Stockton St b/t Sutter St & Bush St Entrance  
on Stockton St  
(415) 982-8370

### **Union Square Garage**

333 Post St b/t Powell St & Stockton St Entrance  
on Geary St



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# Brave New Futures Convening Agenda

**Sunday, July 17th**    **Arrive & Explore San Francisco  
(no convening activities this day)**  
Fly into San Francisco Airport and Hotel Check-In

*Parc55 Hotel  
55 Cyril Magnin St  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
(415) 392-8000*

**Monday, July 18th**    **Brave New Futures Convening: Speaking  
Into Existence a New National Vision for  
BNV**

*Nikko Hotel Conference Room: Carmel Room I & II  
222 Mason St  
San Francisco, CA 94102*

**8:00 AM**    Breakfast @ Nikko Hotel: Carmel Room

**9:00 AM**    **Setting the Stage for the Convening**  
Welcome and acknowledgment of who is in the room

## ***The State of the Youth***

Conversations about the creative, social-emotional, intellectual health of the young people we serve, particularly since the start of the pandemic in 2020.

**10:30 AM**    **25 Years of BNV and Building of a Youth  
Voice Movement**

Joan Osato and Marc Bamuthi Joseph

**11:30 AM**    **Panel & Q&A: A Conversation on BNV  
Alumni's Impact on Global Culture &  
Future Promise**

featuring Joan Osato, Nick James (Creative Director, Youth Speaks) Marc Bamuthi Joseph, Carlynn Newhouse (BNV alumni) & Cydney Edwards (BNV alumni, Future Corps)

**Monday, July 18th  
(cont'd)**

**12:30 PM** Lunch @ Nikko Hotel: Carmel Room

**1:00 PM** **BNV: Dreams of a New National Vision for the Next 25**  
Candice Wicks-Davis, *co-founder of Edutainment for Equity*

**5:00 PM** Dinner on own / Decompress Time

**8:00 PM** **Welcome to the Bay: An Evening of Poetry & Open Cypher**

A closing evening of local artists, youth MCO champions, BNV 2022 Bay Area Team, and *us!*

*CounterPulse Theater*  
80 Turk Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Tuesday, July 19th**

**Depart San Francisco**

Parc55 Hotel to San Francisco International Airport

A young person with dark skin and long, light-brown dreadlocks is shown from the chest up, wearing a grey t-shirt. They have their mouth wide open in a shout or yell, and their fists are clenched in front of them. They are wearing a black wristband on their right wrist and a pink wristband on their left wrist. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with warm lighting. The top left corner of the image has a blue and purple graphic overlay.

**Youth  
Speaks**

**The next  
generation  
speaks  
for itself.**