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## **The Lewis Prize for Music and Accelerator Awardees Present "Accelerating Change: Creative Youth Development Across the United States" Video Series**

**NEW YORK, NY (DATE)** – [The Lewis Prize for Music](#) in partnership with its esteemed Accelerator Awardees Hyde Square Task Force, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, Beyond the Bars, and Saint Louis Story Stitchers Artists Collective, is thrilled to announce the launch of the highly anticipated 2023 video series titled "Accelerating Change: Creative Youth Development Across the United States."

Creative Youth Development (CYD) programs have long been at the forefront of empowering young people as thriving leaders in communities nationwide, and this series will shed light on the invaluable work carried out by CYD organizations in their respective communities, highlighting the inspiring stories of young individuals who have experienced the transformative power of music.

Expanding upon the success of the initial Accelerating Change collection, which debuted in 2021, this year's video series comprises individual short films produced by each award-winning organization. These compelling videos offer an immersive perspective into the world of Creative Youth Development, as witnessed through the eyes of young people and the dedicated adults who support them. Together, they weave narratives of young individuals hailing from Boston (MA), Detroit (MI), Philadelphia (PA), and Saint Louis (MO), delving into their unique communities, personal experiences, and profound connections to music.

The video series unveils the following consensus stories from the esteemed Accelerator Awardees:

**1. St Louis Story Stitchers:** The vibrant video titled "Lift the City Up" showcases the journey of young people as they spearhead the creation of their new SPACE, illustrating their instrumental role in its development. [VIDEO](#)

**2. Beyond the Bars:** With a focus on their student-driven and community-based program, Beyond the Bars presents an ecosystem of opportunity that surrounds young individuals. The video captures the essence of their music programs, community engagement, and the network of support for their students. [VIDEO](#)

**3. Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit:** The video titled "Creating Change: How Mosaic Activates Connect, Prepare, and Amplify" highlights how Mosaic Youth Theatre empowers young

individuals to thrive not only in the present but also well into adulthood. It showcases their holistic approach to fostering growth and change through the power of the arts. [MOSAIC](#)

**4. Hyde Square Task Force:** Delving into the significance of Afro-Latin arts for young people, their neighborhood, and the organization, Hyde Square Task Force showcases the intentional focus on Afro-Latin arts and culture. Through insightful conversations with youth, staff, and teaching artists, the video reflects on the importance of centering youth identities and lived experiences in their programming. [VIDEO](#)

The Lewis Prize for Music and its esteemed Accelerator Awardees invite you to experience the profound impact of Creative Youth Development through the "Accelerating Change" video series. Witness the extraordinary stories of young individuals as they navigate their communities, forge personal growth, and harness the power of music to inspire change.

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The Lewis Prize for Music believes that music in the lives of young people is a catalytic force to drive positive change in our society. It partners with leaders in diverse and vibrant communities who invest in young people by providing access to safe, inclusive spaces where they can build powerful relationships through music.

The organization is the brainchild of philanthropist Daniel R. Lewis, who has spent the last 20 years focusing on philanthropic efforts in the social and musical arts field, including founding the Miami Music Access Fellowship, serving as the founding chairman of The Cleveland Orchestra Miami Residency/Miami Music Association, chairman of the Spring For Music Festival and chairman of The Management Center. Learn more at [www.thelewisprize.org](http://www.thelewisprize.org).

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