

# Youth Poet Laureate Announcement & Celebration

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# SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH POET LAUREATE SHOWCASE

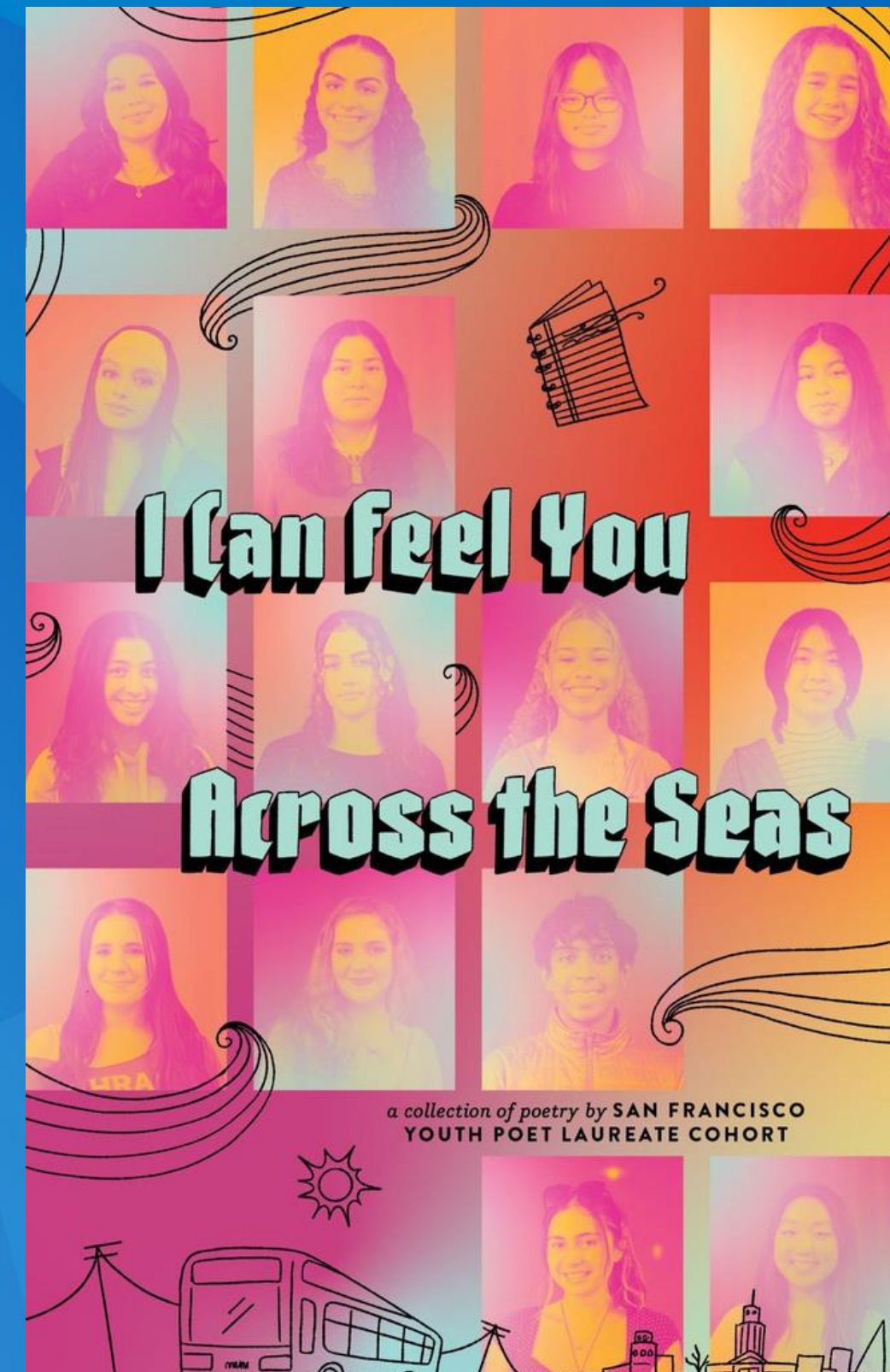




# Youth Poet Laureate Cohort



Sasha Miller  
Itzel Perez  
Delilah Roller  
Elizabeth Foster  
Skye Preston  
Tika Zahiri  
Claribel Caamal Amodei  
Aisha McCulloch  
Katelyn Wong  
Maia Chien  
Ava Perez  
Linh Ho  
Karan Gupta  
Paloma Carrubba  
Mei Chung  
Zosia Mosur



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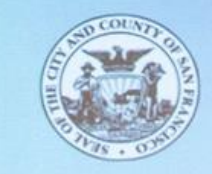








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# Selection Committee

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Genny Lim, our current San Francisco Poet Laureate  
Leticia Guzman, 2025 Hayward Poet Laureate  
Zoe Dorado, 2024 National Youth Poet Laureate of the Western US  
Nairobi Williese, 2023 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate  
Vania Gutierrez, Youth Speaks Program Manager  
Jason Hill, The Mix Program Manager, SFPL  
Whitney Jones, San Francisco Library Commissioner  
Sean Crawford, 826 Valencia BAYAC AmeriCorps Program Associate  
Ena Dallas, Supervisor of Performing Arts SFUSD  
Tayleur Crenshaw, KQED Live Event Producer, Artist and Community Member

**Many thanks to our partners at  
826 Valencia & YouthSpeaks!!**





# Celebrating the Power of Poetry and Spoken Word

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Karan Gupta  
San Francisco Youth Poet Laureate



Aisha McCulloch  
San Francisco Vice Youth Poet Laureate