

Youth Poet Laureate Announcement & Celebration

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Youth
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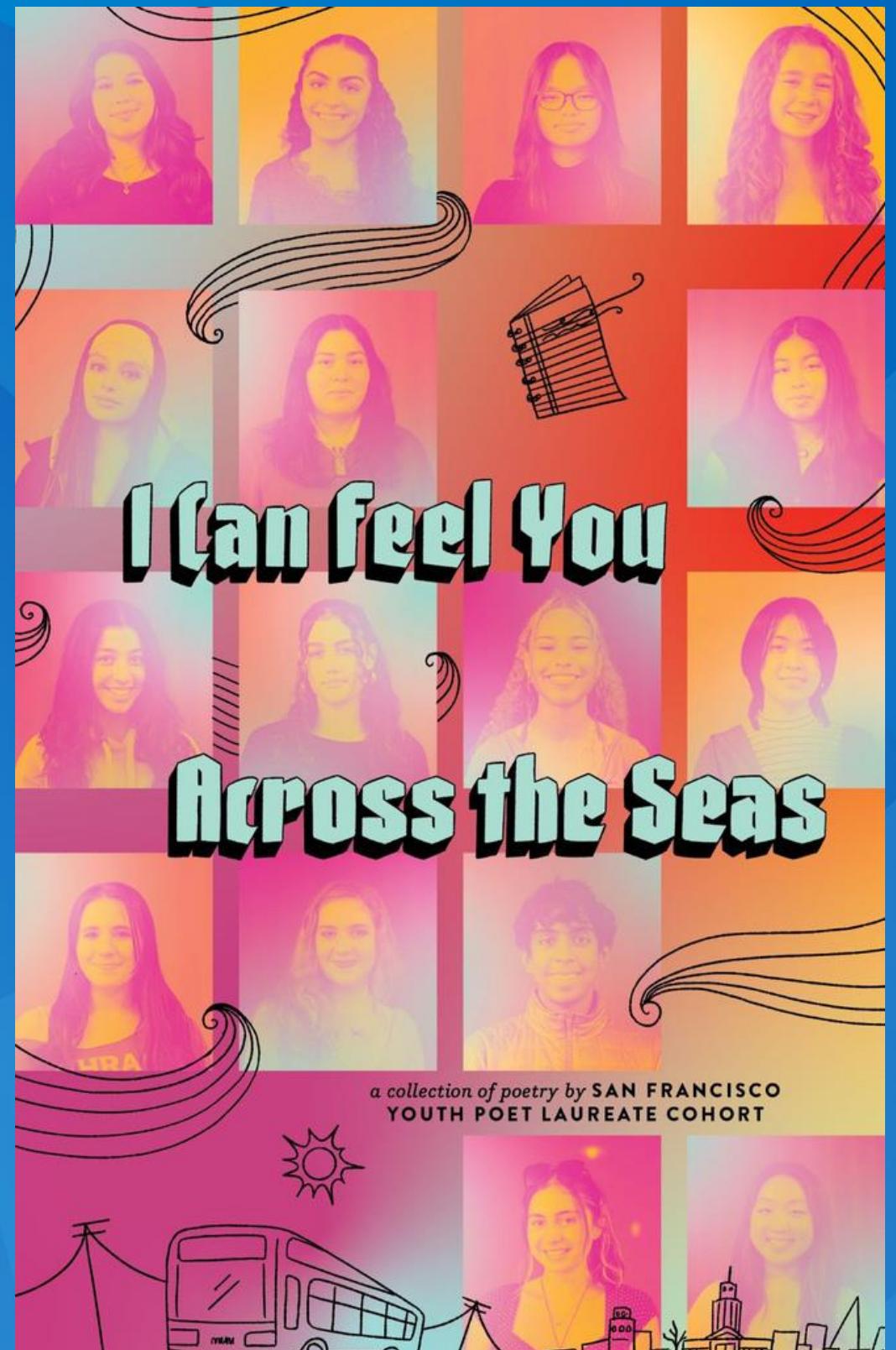
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SAN FRANCISCO YOUTH POET LAUREATE SHOWCASE



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

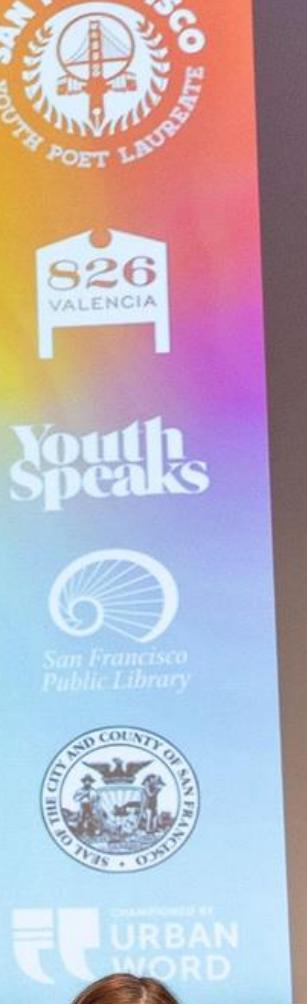


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Selection Committee



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



Karan Gupta
San Francisco Youth Poet Laureate



Aisha McCulloch
San Francisco Vice Youth Poet Laureate