

## USDAN SUMMER CAMP FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER “UNIQUELY U” SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Nine Young Artists from Across Long Island and New York City Chosen for Full Scholarships to Usdan’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season This Summer

NEW YORK, NY (April 11, 2018) -- Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts, the critically acclaimed summer day camp for the arts celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in summer 2018, today announced the inaugural class of “Uniquely U” Scholarship recipients.

After reviewing hundreds of applications received from across Long Island and around New York City, Usdan chose nine young artists to receive full seven-week “Uniquely U” scholarships this summer:

- Dance: **Kiera Canton** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Springfield Gardens)
- Instrumental Music: **Kloie Liao** (5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Roslyn) and **Dorian Williams** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Central Islip)
- Theater: **Alyssa Samuels** (9<sup>th</sup> Grade, Albertson)
- Visual Art: **Chase Brown** (7<sup>th</sup> Grade, South Ozone Park) and **Cruze Brown** (6<sup>th</sup> Grade, South Ozone Park)
- Vocal Music: **Kingston Johnson** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Islandia)
- Writing: **Olivia Caraccioli** (6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Manhattan) and **Aponi Kafele** (4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Brooklyn)

In addition, Herricks’ **Denton Avenue Elementary School** was awarded the *School Scholarship* — a full seven-week Usdan scholarship for any student they choose—since that institution yielded the largest number of “Uniquely U” applicants.

“We were inspired by the incredible passion, depth of creativity and individuality demonstrated by all the Uniquely U applicants,” says Lauren Brandt Schloss, Executive Director of Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts. “We are excited to offer full scholarships for these nine students to help them further explore what makes them uniquely themselves.”

For videos from the winners and to see a list of all finalists and semi-finalists, visit [UU.Usdan.org](http://UU.Usdan.org).

### About Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts

Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018, Usdan Summer Camp for the Arts ([usdan.org](http://usdan.org)) is the nation’s preeminent not-for-profit day camp for the arts and has been named a “Best Of” camp by *TimeOutNY/Kids*, and by *NY Metro Parents*. Diverse and playfully rigorous from the start, Usdan brings world-class teachers and visiting artists – actors, directors, playwrights, painters, sculptors, musicians, composers, dancers, poets and novelists – to teach and collaborate with Usdan campers ages 4 to 18. Usdan ignites each child’s artistic spirit in a fun, welcoming environment. We believe art making is brave making, friend making, freedom making and future making.



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Usdan is an agency of the UJA-Federation of New York. All programs will take place at the camp's magnificent 140-acre woodland campus, located at 185 Colonial Springs Road in Wheatley Heights, NY 11798.

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