

Women of the World Festival celebrates high-achievers and today's fight for human rights. By Dorkys Ramos

FOUR MILLION PEOPLE in the U.S. participated in January's Women's March in solidarity; it showed that despite advances in women's rights, there's so much more to be done. It's in this spirit that Apollo Theater hosts Women of the World Festival: four days of performances, panel discussions, readings and workshops focused on women's achievements and the obstacles they face today.

"With so many women's issues at the forefront and in the headlines in 2017, this year's WOW Festival is especially timely," says Jamilla Deria, director of programming at Apollo Theater. "In fact, this year marks the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in New York. So, in one part, this is a celebration and recognition of achievements and strides that have been made. On the other hand, it is an amazing opportunity to spotlight the issues we still face and the glass ceilings that still need to be broken."

The festival's highlights include a conversation with Olympic gold gymnast Gabby Douglas on cyberbullying (Sun 7 at 3pm); a dramatic reading from Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's novel *Americanah* by Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o (Sun 7 at 4pm); and a tribute concert for legendary jazz singer and civil rights activist Abbey Lincoln (Thu 4 6:30-9pm). Actress Gabourey Sidibe serves



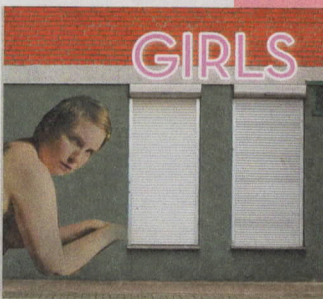
From top, Douglas, Mallory, Sibide and Perez

as a guest speaker for the WOW Teen Summit, which addresses teen activism and self-esteem (Sat 6 at 11am). In "Linking Arms: Why Our Feminism Must Be Intersectional," Tamika Mallory and Carmen Perez, the organizers of the Women's March, discuss the importance of creating an inclusive movement (Sun 7 at 2pm). And you can catch a glimpse into the diverse lives of women at a special rendition of the award-winning storytelling

series *the Moth* (Fri 5 at 7:30pm).

Other Apollo programs such as Apollo Live Wire and Apollo Music Cafe get the WOW touch showcasing female performers. And because it just wouldn't be the Apollo as we know it without some comedy, an all-female lineup of up-and-coming comedians take the stage during Apollo Comedy Club (Thu 4 at 10pm).

→ Women of the World Festival is at Apollo Theater Thu 4-Sun 7. Free-\$125.



LIES TO TELL TOURISTS

A *Girls*-themed novelty store recently opened in Greenpoint. At the shop, located just off the Nassau and Greenpoint Avenue subway stops on the G train, you can check out unique relics of the recently wrapped-up TV series. Peruse iconic wall murals of Hannah Horvath (Lena Dunham's character) in nude repose, and purchase products named after other beloved (and loathed) characters. Pick up the "Adam" tighty-whities, the "Shoshanna" neon hair scrunchies or the "Jessa" fur bikini top. You can even buy a "Marnie" guitar signed by star Allison Williams!

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