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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian – your monthly newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this issue, you will find **the link to buy tickets for the YPM100 Gala in May, updates about our merchandise on sale, and an alumni spotlight on Abigaïl Theano-Pudwill.**

Tickets now on sale for the YPM100 Gala!



L–R: City Councillor Devi Sharma, former mayor of Winnipeg Susan Thompson, and alumna Adrienne Tessier at Speaker's Night 2018.

The time is upon us! Ticket sales are now back open for the 100th Anniversary Gala, and we would be delighted for you to join us for a long-overdue celebration of the past year.

The details of the event are as follows:

- **Date:** Friday, May 20, 2022
- **Time:** 5:30–9:30 p.m.*
- **Venue:** The MET, 281 Donald St, Winnipeg, MB (no change)

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of 8, and can be purchased on the [Eventbrite page here](#). Ticket sales end on Thursday, May 12 at 11:59 p.m.

If you originally bought a ticket/table and did not request a refund, no need to reorder – we've already got you on the guest list. In addition, if you are a current/former member of YPM who would like to attend but find the ticket cost prohibitive, please contact us about sponsored tickets availability.

*The previous newsletter contained a typo, stating the time as 5:00–9:00 p.m. **The correct time is 5:30–9:30 p.m.**

[Buy tickets now](#)

Stock update on YPM100 merchandise



First of all, thank you so much to everyone who has already purchased merchandise! All proceeds go towards YPM's operations and financial aid, which will help us keep doing what we've done best for the past 100 years: providing a place for as many Manitoban youth as possible to engage with the issues of the generation and grow as leaders.

Here are the items we still have in stock:

- The YPM history book, *The Voices of Our Future*
- Fountain pen inscribed with "Youth Parliament of Manitoba"
- Whiskey glass with YPM100 insignia
- Mug with YPM100 insignia
- Navy quarter-zip with YPM100 insignia
- Assorted stickers

We'd like to highlight that our quarter-zip stock includes sizes from S–4XL. We're also happy to announce that our book stock is under 50%, so we encourage those who would like a hard copy to add YPM's first-ever and only professionally published book to their collection while they can.

Canada-wide shipping is available. Click the button below to check out the store:

[Visit the YPM store](#)

Alumni spotlight: Abigaïl Theano-Pudwill (93rd to 99th Sessions)



Abigaïl (Biggie) Theano-Pudwill is one of our three most recent Senators inducted in the 100th Session. She first joined YPM in the 93rd Session as the Member from Nose Hill, subsequently serving two years on Cabinet – as the P.S. to Public Relations then Minister of Human Resources – before being elected to the Executive. She was the House Leader of the 96th Session, Deputy Speaker of the 97th, Deputy Premier of the 98th, and Premier of the 99th.

Biggie holds a B.A. from the University of Winnipeg with a double major in Criminal Justice and Rhetoric. She is a proud Haitian-born Canadian and worked in radio and marketing before moving into her current role as a communications advisor for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, working with Species at Risk and Fish and Fish Habitat scientists. She recently wrapped up a micro-mission as an analyst with National Defence in the Diversity and Inclusion office as the lead spokesperson and graphic designer for the launch of a federal public service-wide project.

On the side, Biggie runs a fashion styling business which aims to raise awareness of and increase accessibility to sustainable style. She is a classically trained violinist and recently started alto saxophone lessons at the Manitoba Conservatory of Music.

"YPM is magical," Biggie reminisces. "There's something about it that still excites me after all these years. At my first Session, there weren't many faces like mine but I quickly learned that no matter who you are or where you come from, YPM is an experience we can all connect with. YPM gave me my first taste of what my future career in communications could look like, and gave me invaluable tools and relationships that ground me today."

Her advice to current members: "Don't be afraid to not know something. In fact, be bold, open-minded, and curious."

Get in touch

If you have any comments about this newsletter or simply want to connect, feel free to reply to this email and your message will come to me (Nina). YPM is always happy to hear from our alumni, supporters, and friends in the community!