



Clyde Valentín

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Clyde Valentín was born and raised in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. He is the co-founder and former executive director of Hi-ARTS (formerly known as the Hip-Hop Theater Festival). Most recently, he became the inaugural director of Ignite/Arts Dallas: A Center for People, Purpose + Place at Southern Methodist University's Meadows School of the Arts. The mission of Ignite/Arts Dallas is to challenge the imagination of students and citizens to foster more just and vibrant communities through art and culture experiences. Clyde is also a Community + Culture Fellow of the National Arts Strategies' Chief Executive Program.

Valentín has served as a consultant and panelist for Creative Capital, has worked with Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP) on the development of new leadership programs, serves as a consultant for the YouthSpeaks/Brave New Voices Leadership Cohort and was a senior advisor for the New England Foundation for the Arts, National Touring Project (NTP). He is also on the advisory board of the Latino Theater Commons and is on the Board of Theater Communications Group (TCG). He has presented at numerous conferences including the National Association of Latino Arts & Culture (NALAC), Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP), and the National Performance Network's (NPN) Annual Meeting.