2022 HONORS

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The Night TO CELEBRATE IT ALL!



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF IMPACT AND TRANSFORMATIVE
ARTS EDUCATION AT BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY



October 8, 2022 | 6:00 PM
The **NEW** Boston Arts Academy
174 Ipswich Street, Boston, MA



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Schedule of Events

6:00 PM Cocktail Reception

Level 1 + 2: Lobby and Mezzanine

7:00 PM Programming, Student Performance

+ Live Auction
Main Theatre

8:00 PM Dinner + Honoree Remarks

Level 1: Dining Hall/Gold Dining Room

Level 2: Black Box Theater/Magenta Dining Room

Level 5: Recital Hall/Blue Dining Room

9:15 PM A Berklee Music Tribute

Main Theatre

10:00 PM DJ + Dancing, Hosted by iHeartMedia

Level 5: Recital Hall/Blue Dining Room

MIDNIGHT Guest Checkout + Favors

"EVERY FLOOR A STAGE, EVERY WALL A GALLERY"

However beautiful, the new building is only the beginning.

It's the people and programs that matter the most.

Thank you for supporting Boston Arts Academy and its artists, scholars, and global citizens.





October 8, 2022

Dear Friends:

Thank you from our hearts for joining us for BAA Honors 2022, one night to celebrate and support Boston Arts Academy's bright future.

For 25 years, Boston Arts Academy (BAA) has been the only public high school for the visual and performing arts in Boston. BAA is unique in many ways. It is a full-inclusion school, serving students who present with a range of learning abilities and challenges, and abundant talents. BAA boasts a highly supportive, academically rigorous, college preparatory educational model, grounded in conservatory quality arts education.

BAA has changed the lives of 2,000 alumni, providing students with access to many opportunities: talent is equally distributed, but opportunities are not. For seven years in a row, 97 percent of BAA graduates have been accepted to college.

Since its inception, Boston Arts Academy has relied on philanthropy to close the annual budget gap between Boston Public Schools' funding and the true cost of the BAA model. BAA Foundation, an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that raises funds for BAA, contributes 30 percent of the school's annual budget, supporting faculty, staff, special programs and equipment.

However beautiful this new building is, it is the people and programs that matter most. BAA Foundation will continue to raise 30 percent of the school's annual budget, which will grow as the student population expands up to 20 percent.

The ongoing success of Boston Arts Academy and our students relies on the philanthropic support and commitment of our community. The unrestricted funds raised through BAA Honors 2022 will directly support BAA students and ensure they have the resources they need to achieve their full potential. The generosity that brought us all together tonight has been immense, and our gratitude is boundless. We ask that you continue to be generous in your bidding, in your paddle raises, and in years to come.

Together we will continue to uplift BAA's talented and deserving artists, scholars, and global citizens.

With deepest gratitude,

Denella J. Clark
President and CEO
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October 8, 2022

Dear Friends:

Thank you for joining us for BAA Honors 2022 and choosing to support our talented and deserving students of Boston Arts Academy (BAA) as we celebrate BAA's 25th Anniversary in our brand-new school building.

BAA's new school building is an investment in our city – our city that, for many years, did not have a public arts high school available for talented students without the financial support to attend a private arts institution. As a founding teacher, our mission 25 years ago was to create a school (BAA), that would provide access to opportunities for our city's talented youth.

Now 25 years later, I cannot go to an art show in Boston without seeing a student performing on the stage, working behind the stage, or in the audience. It's heartwarming to see what we've created as this was always BAA's legacy and mission to make sure that Boston, as a cultural capital, had a generation of artists that reflected the diversity of the city.

I'm incredibly excited and proud of the work we've accomplished, and what still lies ahead. However, we would not be where we are today and there would be no BAA without the BAA Foundation.

When the school was founded 25 years ago, Boston Public Schools could not fund the entire curriculum, including the arts programming. To close the funding gap each year, BAA Foundation raises the necessary funds to cover the cost of arts teachers, arts materials and equipment, and a range of support services such as career and technical programs and health and wellness programming. BAA Foundation also funds opportunities for our students, like summer programs and college scholarships.

I'm grateful for the BAA Foundation, and for you the donor, for joining us this evening in support of the school. Your donations help us to continue to create opportunities for our city's future changemakers.

Sincerely,

Dr. Anne R. Clark Head of School

Boston Arts Academy





Dear BAA Family,

Welcome to Boston Arts Academy Honors 2022. Thank you for supporting the talented artists, scholars, and global citizens at Boston's premier public high school for visual and performing arts. I also want to thank the Boston Arts Academy Foundation and its leadership for organizing this annual celebration.

And what a year to celebrate—this is Boston Arts Academy's 25th anniversary! For 25 years, BAA has uplifted, sustained, and even expanded Boston's social and cultural landscape. Because of this new building, BAA will now be able to connect even more of our young people with opportunities in the arts.

We're proud of everything we're able to provide our young artists, and it's thanks to all of you. With your donations to the Boston Arts Academy Foundation, as well as funding from the City and the Commonwealth, we're able to invite students from all across Boston to collaborate with one another and with local professional artists and performers.

Thank you so much for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy tonight's event!

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu Mayor of Boston

Michelle Wu



The Honorable Martin J. Walsh

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to BAA Honors 2022. I have long been a passionate supporter of Boston Arts Academy. As Mayor of Boston, I got to see up close the incredible positive impact this school community has in helping talented, diverse young people from across the city to fulfill their enormous potential.

I want to thank you for supporting this wonderful school and its deserving students via the Boston Arts Academy Foundation.

This is a historic moment in the journey of a great school. We are celebrating 25 years of transformative arts education at Boston Arts Academy.

And we are all so thrilled that this special school now has an equally special, state-of-the-art facility to call its own.

I invite you to enjoy the festivities – and know that you are truly making a difference in young people's lives.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh

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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Boston Arts Academy Honors 2022 as one of the Honorary Chairs. Thank you for choosing to support BAA's talented students and joining us tonight to celebrate BAA's 25 years of impact and its brand-new state-of-the-art school building in Fenway.

Congratulations to all of the Honorees who will be recognized for their excellence in their craft and as role models for our city's youth. Congratulations to Boston Arts Academy Foundation and a heartfelt thank you to the generous sponsors and supporters who are here this evening to advance access to arts education in the City of Boston.

For 25 years, Boston Arts Academy has fostered a welcoming, supportive, and rigorous learning environment that centers the creativity and unique gifts of students. The arts have the power to transform us as individuals and our culture. Boston Arts Academy centers the visual and performing arts as a foundational piece of educating the whole child and grounding future leaders in their own potential.

And the reason Boston Arts Academy has been successful for the past 25 years is the incredible network of administrators, staff, families, and supporters who share that vision of transformative education. Our students deserve every opportunity to thrive. Supporters of this school community are supporting the cultural vitality of Boston, the Commonwealth, and the world.

It is an honor to be part of this school community. Thank you for supporting our young people and their limitless potential.

Sincerely

Ayanna Pressley Member of Congress

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October 8, 2022

Dear Friends

Thank you for your support of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation's BAA Honors Annual Gala. I am delighted to serve as one of the evening's Honorary Chairs and it is a pleasure to do so. Congratulations to tonight's honorees for their outstanding achievements, and thank you to the generous sponsors, staff, and board for investing in this extraordinary school and its students.

I am personally thrilled that Boston Arts Academy's new state-of-the-art building is now a reality! The Massachusetts School Building Authority, which I Chair, has been proud to partner in the development and funding of this extraordinary new school building which will provide even greater opportunities for its students' success. Your commitment to the Foundation further supports these amazingly talented and deserving students.

BAA is Boston's only public high school whose focus combines the visual and performing arts with a strong academic program. The BAA Honors Gala is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Boston Arts Academy and its 25 years of impact and transformative arts education.

I am so excited that this new school building will allow for another 25 years and more, of hallways filled with music, dance, and art.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Deborah B. Goldberg

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The Honorable Kim Janey

October 8, 2022

Dear Friends:

As Honorary Chair, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Boston Arts Academy Honors 2022, hosted by the Boston Arts Academy Foundation and my dear friend and extraordinary leader, Denella Clark, at the brand-new Boston Arts Academy (BAA) school building in the historic Fenway neighborhood.

Thank you for choosing to support Boston's only public high school for the visual and performing arts during its 25th year of providing transformative arts education to our city's promising and deserving youth. Congratulations to tonight's remarkable Honorees. I'd also like to recognize and share my gratitude for the many generous sponsors!

For 25 years, Boston Arts Academy has changed the lives of so many students. BAA's students represent the diversity of Boston's 23 neighborhoods: 90.5% of students identify as Black, Latinx, Multiracial or Asian. As a full-inclusion school, BAA accepts students without reviewing test scores or other factors: 17% of BAA's students have documented learning challenges, requiring additional instructional accommodations. Artistic passion and talent demonstrated during an audition are the only admission criteria.

While talent is equally distributed throughout Boston and beyond, opportunity is not. More than half of BAA's students come from economically disadvantaged families. With funds provided by the City of Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and donations to Boston Arts Academy Foundation, BAA's 500 students are able to thrive with access to an arts-intensive, college-preparatory education at no cost to them.

As we celebrate BAA's 25th Anniversary, this school represents the best of our city — students eager to learn, dedicated staff, and a supportive community! I come from a family of educators and artists, so I know the importance of an arts education and I am thrilled to celebrate with you this evening!

Thank you again for joining us tonight and for choosing to support Boston Arts Academy during this momentous occasion as we celebrate its 25th Anniversary in its new state-of-the-art school building!

Sincerely,

Kim Janey

Kim Janey

Honorary Chair Former Mayor of Boston



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EMCEES

Malik Yoba, Three-time NAACP Image Award-Winning Actor and BAA Foundation Board Member Anabel Gutierrez, iHeartMedia

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Student Performers

The Charlie Brown Jazz Ensemble

Musicians: Jordan Volel-trumpet, Cha'Ya Grant-trombone, Winston Ramirez-tenor saxophone, Zi Nunes Pina- tenor saxophone and flute, Marvin Ripert-vibraphone and percussion, Kamari Lindsey-bass, Kemoni Cartwright-drums

Theatre: Monologue Performances

Actors: Ariel Phillps and Korey Hamilton

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PROGRAMMING

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Student Performers

Spirituals

Vocalists: Belai Abraha, Marcia Bibbins, Kahmoni Bryant, Chanel Castillo, Sanai Cole, Mikayla Correia, Iolanthe Demos, Kayla Denton, Reign Dendy, Indigo Diagne, Deurick Gomes, Cora Gonzalez, Alyeiha Morales, Nadine Paiva, Athamar Pierre, Julian Rodriguez, M'zariah Robinson, Yasmee Sultan, Daniel Torres, Mecca Williams, Zariyah Witherspoon

Dance

Title: Baila Comigo • Choreography Kylie Grossman and William McLaughiln • Music by Tiësto Dancers: Riquelle Bobb, Mykeila Debow Florence, Anahi Deleon, Alexandria Gardener, Andrea Lopez, Layla McLean, Ariya Patel, Schylah Perryman Reis, Feline Pierre, Lovell Porter, Jashayla Rivera, Alexis Torbada, Zamy Watkins



Event Program

Special Remarks

Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Honorary Chair The Honorable Kim Janey, Honorary Chair

Live Auction

Benefit Auctioneer Specialist Michael J. Chambers

DINNER + HONOREE REMARKS

8:00 - 9:15 PM

Award Presentations

Dr. Anne R. Clark, Head of School, Boston Arts Academy Denella J. Clark, President and CEO, Boston Arts Academy Foundation

Dining Hall/Gold Dining Room

Host: Donna Harris-Lewis, Vice Chair, Boston Arts Academy Foundation Board Kobi Halperin, 2022 Fashion Honoree Bryan Rafanelli, 2022 Visual Art Honoree Lee Pelton, 2022 Lifetime Achievement Honoree

Black Box Theater/Magenta Dining Room

Host: Jeff Rosica, Chair, Boston Arts Academy Foundation Board Latoyia Edwards, 2022 TV + Film Honoree Lee Michael Kennedy, 2022 Civic Responsibility Honoree

Recital Hall/Blue Dining Room

Host: Pamela D.A. Reeve, Co-Chair, BAA Honors 2022 Terri Lyne Carrington, 2022 Music Honoree Michaela Mabinty DePrince, 2022 Dance Honoree

A BERKLEE MUSIC TRIBUTE

9:15 - 10:00 PM

Greg Groover Jr., Kris Davis, and the All-Star Berklee Band

DJ + DANCING

10:00 – Midnight DJ Conrad Cid, iHeartMedia and Rumba 97.7



2022 Honorees



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT LEE PELTON PRESIDENT AND CEO, THE BOSTON FOUNDATION

Lee is a living legend whose philanthropic efforts throughout his career have touched the lives of many students and the Boston area's underserved communities, including our very own young artists, scholars, and global citizens at BAA. Lee is the former president of Emerson College, one of BAA's founding ProArts colleges, and Lifetime Chairman Emeritus of the BAA Foundation Board. The Boston Foundation recently awarded BAA with a \$225,000 grant.



CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY LEE MICHAEL KENNEDY PRESIDENT AND CEO, LEE KENNEDY CO., INC.

As the builder of the new, state-of-the-art Boston Arts Academy school building in the Fenway, Lee has been with us since day one as an avid supporter of our students, and of BAA Foundation's mission. He is significantly involved in supporting our city's youth. Lee was the co-chair of BAA Honors 2021, and serves on many other boards, including Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (Board Chair).



DANCE MICHAELA MABINTY DEPRINCE SECOND SOLOIST, BOSTON BALLET

Michaela is a world-renowned premier ballerina, and one of very few black classical soloists. She was born in war-torn Sierra Leone, and became an orphan after her parents died and her uncle abandoned her. She was later adopted by a family in the U.S. who enrolled her in dance classes after noticing her passion for dance. Michaela has danced all over the world, and has been featured on ABC's Dancing with the Stars as well as the ballet documentary, First Position.



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Kobi is an internationally-recognized fashion designer, expert and teacher, born and raised in Israel. He is known for his ready-to-wear styles featuring unique designs and exquisite details that embrace modern femininity. His fashion label can be found in Bloomingdales, Saks Fifth Avenue, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and many more stores. He has also been executive creative director for Elie Tahari and Kenneth Cole. Kobi visited Boston and has been a mentor to BAA's students.



2022 Honorees



MUSIC TERRI LYNE CARRINGTON GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING DRUMMER, COMPOSER, PRODUCER, AND EDUCATOR

Terri, NEA Jazz Master, is a giant in jazz music, discovered at age ten by Ella Fitzgerald. Terri is a three-time Grammy award-winning musician, and the first woman to accept a Grammy Award for Best Jazz Instrumental Album. Terri is also the founder and artistic director of the Berklee Institute of Jazz and Gender Justice, one of BAA's founding ProArts colleges, and is a Medford native. Terri actively works with BAA's students and alumni, serving as a role model and mentor throughout their journey to becoming professionals.



TV + FILM LATOYIA EDWARDS AWARD-WINNING ANCHOR, NBC 10 BOSTON AND NECN

Latoyia is an Emmy Award-Winning Anchor at NBC 10 Boston and NECN, born and raised in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. She is a storyteller, sharing inspiring stories with the Boston community, and a role model. Last year, she made the courageous move to wear braids on television and encouraged viewers to be authentic in what feels natural for them. Latoyia hosted the live broadcast of last year's BAA Honors 2021 virtual event.



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Bryan is a world-renowned event planner best known for his customized approach to every project. Bryan has over two decades of experience in event production, accumulating over 2,000 events in more than 20 states and nine countries. Bryan produced BAA Foundation's first-ever event, and we are thrilled to work with him and his team at Rafanelli Events to produce BAA Honors 2022.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR 2022 HONOREES, VISIT **WWW.BAAHONORS.ORG**.



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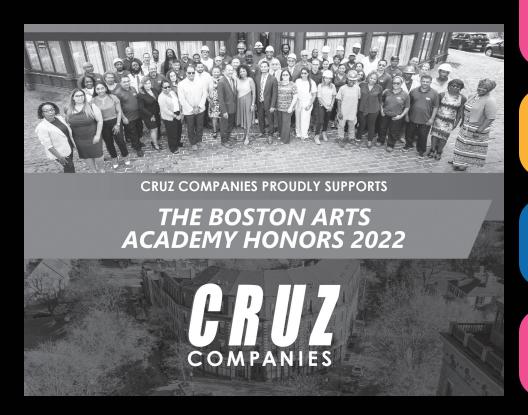






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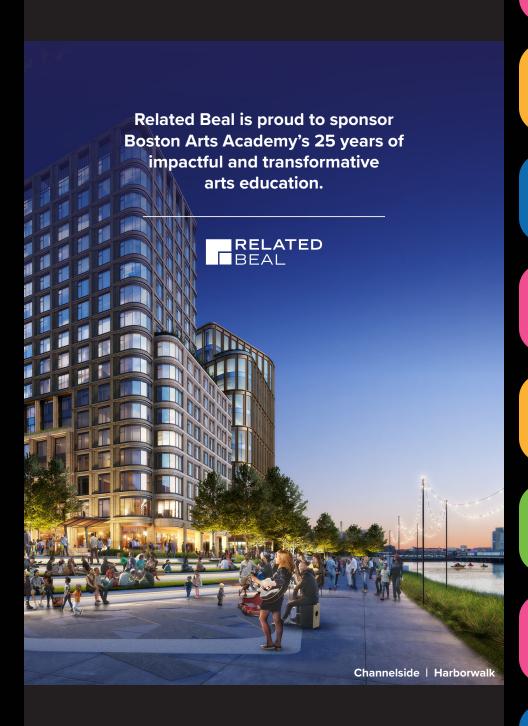
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2005 BAA's awardwinning Summer Reading Program is launched



BAA wins National Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award



BAA is recognized as Outstanding Arts School by the Arts School Network



2014 BAA establishes its first STEAM Lab



2015 BAA is featured in *Creative Schools* by Sir Ken Robinson, PhD





2016
BAA is honored with Silver Recognition from the Schools of Opportunity and wins the Signature Enterprise Schools Award from the GRAMMY Foundation



Building of the new school begins and is celebrated with Groundbreaking Ceremony



2019
The structure of the new school is completed and marked by a Topping Off Ceremony



Grand opening of the new school building at 174 Ipswich Street and BAA celebrates 25 years!

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Boston Arts Academy (BAA) is the city's ONLY public high school for the visual and performing arts. BAA started as a pilot school in 1998. For 25 years, BAA has enriched Boston's art scene, acted as a model for inclusion, and provided underserved communities equitable access to opportunity.



of students identify as people of color



of students have documented learning challenges



of students are from low-income families



students participate in BAA's state-certified CTE programs



30% of junior and seniors participate in dual enrollment



97% of BAA students are accepted to college

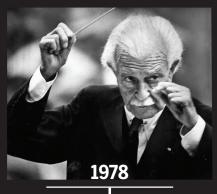
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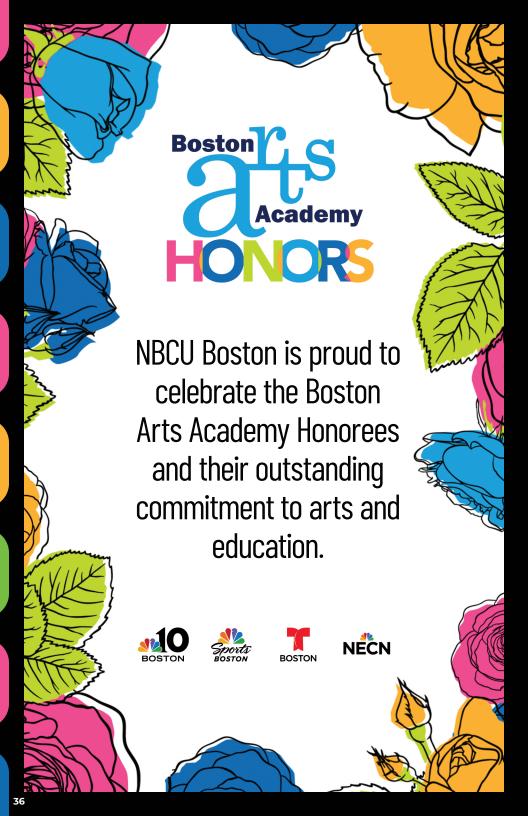




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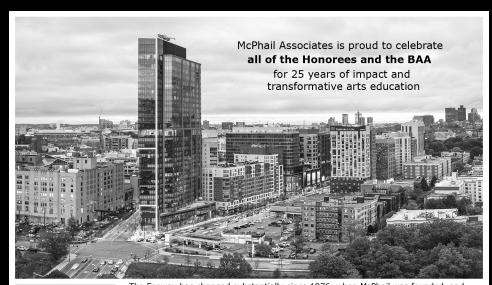
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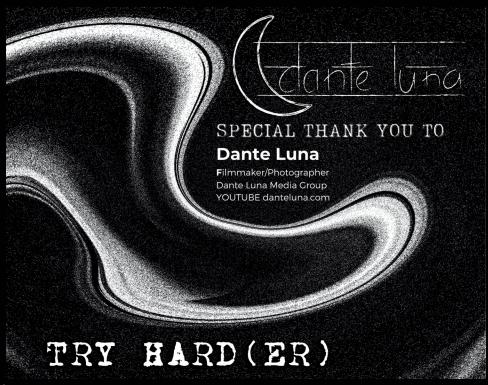
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