



Come Dream With Us
A MASQUERADE BALL

October 22, 2026
MGM Music Hall at Fenway

**Talent is evenly distributed,
but opportunity is not.**

HONORS celebrates Boston's young artists
and the philanthropic community that helps
them thrive

Honorary Chair
Kim Driscoll

*Lieutenant Governor
of Massachusetts*

Co-Chairs
Jill & Dean Bosco

FUELING BOSTON'S PUBLIC PATHWAY TO THE ARTS

HONORS, the Foundation's signature fundraising event, directly fuels the experiences that define the BAA student journey including:

- Masterclasses with renowned artists
- Updated technology and equipment
- Expanded academic and college-readiness supports
- Cultural and travel opportunities
- Individualized attention students need to thrive

By supporting HONORS, sponsors directly expand access to high-quality public arts education, fueling student success and long-term opportunity

\$2 MILLION FUNDRAISING GOAL for HONORS 2026

In support of public arts education and life-changing experiences for Boston Arts Academy students.

Boston Arts Academy Foundation (BAAF) is an independent 501(c) (3) nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that every student at Boston Arts Academy (BAA) has access to a world-class, arts intensive, college-preparatory education. Each year, the Foundation raises critical philanthropic support to bridge the gap between public funding and the true cost of delivering this exceptional model.



500
students served each year



\$250K+
college scholarships earned



\$1.4M
invested in faculty and instructional capacity



60+
student performances and exhibitions annually



Boston's only
public high school for the visual and performing arts



2,000+ students have graduated
and gone on to become artists, entrepreneurs, educators, and leaders



Founded in 1998, **Boston Arts Academy is the Commonwealth's only public high school for the visual and performing arts** and a nationally recognized leader in arts education. As a pilot school within Boston Public Schools, BAA serves a diverse community of aspiring artists, scholars, and global citizens through a curriculum that pairs rigorous academics with conservatory-style arts training—offering a free, public pathway to opportunities typically available only through private education.





Conceived and led by President & CEO Denella J. Clark, **BAAF HONORS** is inspired by the Kennedy Center Honors and recognizes outstanding leaders across the school's arts majors—Dance, Fashion & Technology, Music, Television & Film, and Visual Arts—as well as honorees in Civic Responsibility and Lifetime Achievement.

HONORS is BAAF's signature fundraising event and the largest single source of unrestricted funding for Boston Arts Academy.

HONORS is anything but a traditional gala. It is Boston Arts Academy Foundation's signature fundraising experience — a dynamic, evening-long celebration that blends student performances, a high-energy live auction, a stellar awards program, and special guest appearances. Guests enjoy dinner, dancing, and unforgettable moments throughout the night at one of Boston's premier entertainment venues, MGM Music Hall at Fenway.

HONORS 2026 will raise \$2 million to support public arts education and life-changing opportunities for Boston Arts Academy students.



Join us for HONORS 2026!

**Thursday, October 22, 2026, 5:30 PM
MGM Music Hall at Fenway**

This signature celebration of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation invites guests to experience the imagination, artistry, and dreams of students from Boston Arts Academy through an immersive evening of performance, design, and creativity.

Set against the elegance and intrigue of a masquerade, the evening will feature dynamic performances, meaningful moments of recognition, and a distinguished gathering of Boston's civic, cultural, and philanthropic leaders—united in celebrating the transformative power of the arts and championing the next generation of creative talent.



2026 EVENT CHAIRS AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

KIM DRISCOLL, *Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts*

HONORARY CHAIR



BAAF would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll for her leadership as Honorary Chair of BAAF Honors 2026 and for her ongoing commitment to nurturing the creative problem-solvers of the future.

JILL & DEAN BOSCO

CO-CHAIRS

“We are honored to serve as Chairs of HONORS 2026 and to support Boston Arts Academy Foundation’s mission to ensure equitable access to high-quality public arts education. As leaders in Boston and at CliftonLarsonAllen, we are proud to invite our colleagues and community to join us in celebrating and investing in the extraordinary talent and potential of BAA students.”



HONORS LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

The BAAF HONORS Leadership Circle is a volunteer group of civic, business, and philanthropic leaders committed to advancing arts education and opportunity for Boston’s youth. The Circle plays a critical role in helping the Boston Arts Academy Foundation achieve its Honors fundraising goal, ensuring that 500 students receive a rigorous, arts-intensive education at no cost to them. Membership continues to be built on a rolling basis as of February 2, 2026.

To learn more or to join, email us at events@baafdn.org.



2026 HONOREES



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

MARK LEV

CELEBRATING OVER THREE DECADES OF LEADERSHIP IN BOSTON SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT.
PRESIDENT & CEO OF BOSTON COMMON GOLF



CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

CANDICE STOVER

CELEBRATING 14 YEARS AT DELTA
GENERAL MANAGER FOR NEW ENGLAND
AT DELTA AIR LINES



FASHION

DANIELA CORTE

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN FASHION
OWNER AT DANIELA CORTE, INC



DANCE

JOHN LAM

COMPLETED 20 YEARS OF DANCE AT BOSTON BALLET
FOUNDER | ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF LAM DANCE WORKS. FORMER PRINCIPAL DANCER AT BOSTON BALLET



VISUAL ARTS

KEN FULK

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN BUSINESS
OWNER AT KEN FULK, INC.
INTERIOR DESIGNER OF THE 'QUIN HOUSE



TV AND FILM

STEPHANIE TAVARES-RANCE & FLOYD RANCE

CELEBRATING 24 YEARS OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL
FOUNDERS OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD AFRICAN-AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL



MUSIC

JENNIFER HOLLIDAY

CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF DREAMGIRLS
TONY- AND GRAMMY-WINNING SINGER & ACTRESS | ORIGINAL DREAMGIRL

IN 2022, BAA MOVED INTO ITS BRAND-NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART BUILDING AT 174 IPSWICH STREET — A VIBRANT HUB FOR CREATIVITY AND LEARNING IN THE HEART OF BOSTON.



2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors expand access to tuition-free, world-class arts education for Boston's young people —investing in student success, creative excellence, and pathways to college and careers. For more information, contact our team at events@baafd.org

\$500,000 STANDING OVATION SPONSOR

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **Four (4) tables in a premier location (40 tickets)** to BAAF Honors 2026
- Includes **VIP Honoree Reception access for ten (10) of these guests**

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

- Priority logo/name placement across all event materials and media
- Logo/name displayed on venue exterior signage, including marquee and LED entrance displays, offering high-visibility branding
- Recognition in event press coverage and the option for a pre-arranged media interview
- One pre- and post-event social media recognition on Facebook (2.2K+ followers), LinkedIn (1.2K+ followers), and Instagram (7.9K+ followers), including an optional quote from a company representative
- Full-page color ad on the back cover of the program book
- Special acknowledgement during the program, with opportunity to deliver brief remarks
- Inclusion of a brief message in a post-event email or upcoming newsletter to an audience of 7,000+ subscribers

EXPERIENTIAL & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **[New] Two (2) tickets to the 2027 GRAMMY Awards on Sunday, January 31, 2027, including airfare and hotel accommodations**
- Lunch with foundation and school leadership and a private visit to a masterclass or rehearsal at Boston Arts Academy





\$250,000 SPOTLIGHT SPONSOR

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **Three (3) tables in a premier location (30 tickets)** to BAAF Honors 2026
- Includes **VIP Honoree Reception access for ten (10) of these guests**

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

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- One pre- and post-event social media recognition on Facebook (2.2K+ followers), LinkedIn (1.2K+ followers), and Instagram (7.9K+ followers), including an optional quote from a company representative
- Full-page color ad in the program book
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- Inclusion of a brief message in a post-event email or upcoming newsletter to an audience of 7,000+ subscribers

EXPERIENTIAL & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **[New] Private Red Sox Suite for up to 22 guests** in a premium suite for a mutually agreed- upon 2027 regular season home game, including a standard food and beverage package
- Private visit to a masterclass or rehearsal at Boston Arts Academy

\$100,000 CENTER STAGE SPONSOR

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **Three (3) tables in a premier location (30 tickets)** to BAAF Honors 2026
- Includes **VIP Honoree Reception access for four (4) guests** from these 30 tickets

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

- Priority logo/name placement across all event materials and media
- One pre-event social media recognition post on Facebook (2.2K+ followers), LinkedIn (1.2K+ followers), and Instagram (7.9K+ followers), including an optional quote from a company representative
- Full-page color ad in the program book
- Special acknowledgement during the program

EXPERIENTIAL & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **The first donor at this level will receive four (4) suite tickets to a Noah Kahan concert on a select date in 2026.**
- Private tour of Boston Arts Academy



\$50,000 CURTAIN CALL SPONSOR

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **Two (2) tables (20 tickets)** to BAAF Honors 2026
Includes **VIP Honoree Reception access for two (2) guests** from these 20 tickets

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

- Verbal acknowledgement from the event host during the program
- Logo/name placement on event signage and BAAF website
- One pre-event social media recognition post on Facebook (2.2K+ followers), LinkedIn (1.2K+ followers), and Instagram (7.9K+ followers)
- Mention on BAAF social media in advance of the event
- Full-page color ad in the program book

EXPERIENTIAL & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **[New] Tickets to the 2027 Champion Reception with reserved seating for up to 10 guests.**
- Private tour of Boston Arts Academy

\$25,000 ENCORE SPONSOR

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **One (1) table (10 tickets)** to BAAF Honors 2026

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

- **[New] Honor your support with two named seats in the Boston Arts Academy Theater** - Each seat will feature a personalized engraved plaque, with installation scheduled for Spring 2027
- Verbal acknowledgement from the event host during the program
- Logo/name placement on event signage and BAAF website
- Mention on BAAF social media in advance of the event
- Half-page color ad in the program book



\$15,000 APPLAUSE SPONSOR

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **One table (10 tickets)** to BAAF Honors 2026

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

- **[New] Honor your support with two named seats in the Boston Arts Academy Theater.** Each seat will feature a personalized engraved plaque, with installation scheduled for Spring 2027
- Logo/name placement on event signage and event website
- Half-page color ad in the program book
- Sponsors who confirm their commitment at this level by Friday, May 29, will be entered into a raffle to receive two roundtrip domestic airfare tickets, courtesy of Delta Air Lines, valid for travel within the continental United States



\$5,000 RISING STAR SPONSOR

****ONLY 25 AVAILABLE****

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- **VIP Mezzanine Table Experience with four (4) seats at BAAF Honors 2026, featuring elevated aerial views of the stage**
- Dedicated bar access and food service

VISIBILITY & BRAND RECOGNITION

- Logo/name placement on event signage and event website
- Half-page color ad in the program book

\$1,500 INDIVIDUAL TICKET

EVENT ACCESS & HOSPITALITY

- One (1) ticket to BAAF Honors 2026
- Includes food and beverage

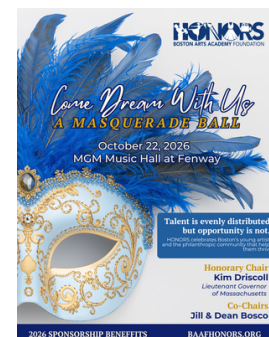
PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Full page color ad - \$5,000

Full page black & white ad - \$3,000

Half page color ad - \$2,500

Half page black & white ad - \$1,500



I cannot attend, but I wish to donate \$ _____ in honor of _____ (Honoree and/or Student) to advance the mission of Boston Arts Academy Foundation and/or to support the students of BAA

Please email your completed registration form to giving@baafdn.org by Tuesday, October 6 to reserve your sponsorship.

Please note: There are specific IRS guidelines when purchasing a charity event ticket or sponsorship with benefits through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) or personal foundation. Please contact us at events@baafdn.org if you have questions.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BE A SPONSOR

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000 Standing Ovation | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 Encore Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$250,000 Spotlight | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 Applause Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$100,000 Center Stage | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Rising Star Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$50,000 Curtain Call Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 Individual Ticket |

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE A PROGRAM BOOK AD

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Color: \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Black and White: \$3,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Color: \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page Black and White: \$1,500 |

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

NAME AS DONOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED: _____

ORGANIZATION/COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME/TITLE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT BY CHECK

Please make checks payable to **Boston Arts Academy Foundation** with HONORS in the memo. You can mail your check with this form to: **Boston Arts Academy Foundation**
9 Lansdowne Street, Suite 2, Boston, MA 02215

INVOICE REQUESTED

Please provide company/organization purchase order # if necessary.

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

To pay by credit card, please complete the credit card information below:

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

CVV _____

Zip Code _____

For more information, please contact events@baafdn.org

PRESS CLIPPINGS

Every year, Boston Arts Academy Foundation's HONORS event attracts media attention, with features across major local and regional outlets that highlight the power of an arts education. Coverage has appeared in The Boston Globe, CBS Boston, and other publications, spotlighting performances, honorees, and the community's support for Boston Arts Academy.

BOSTON Herald

Boston Star Designer
David Josef On Life,
Art & Pride
JUNE 14, 2025



Boston Arts Academy
Honors Dancing Legend
OCT 1, 2025

Dorchester Reporter

Leah Pires, Valedictorian
And Dancer, Has Many
Dreams She Wants To
Pursue
JUNE 25, 2025

CBS NEWS BOSTON

Boston Arts Academy
Students To Perform
With Johnny Gill at MGM
Fenway Honors
OCT 22, 2025

MassNonprofit News

Information and Insight for the Massachusetts Nonprofit Community

Drs. Amy And Joshua
Boger Give \$1M To
Boston Arts Academy
Foundation
JUNE 30, 2025

BANKER & TRADESMAN

REAL ESTATE & FINANCIAL INFORMATION SINCE 1872

An Engaged Leader Is
Honored
OCT 26, 2025





Come Dream With Us
A MASQUERADE BALL

BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY SCHOOL SONG

Come Dream with Us
Music and lyrics by George Simpson

Never climbed a mountain,
Never crossed a sea,
Never soared the open sky,
Never tried to dream.

There were many nights when
We cried ourselves to sleep
There were many moments
With many promises to keep.

And when the mountain seems too high
And when the river runs too deep
And when the moonlight's in your eyes
In your heart just believe.

Chorus

This is who we are
Tomorrow's shining star
And even the mountains bow to us
And we paint the sky.
This is what we dream
A light for all to see
We are reaching for tomorrow
Come dream with us.

Many trying moments
Many tears to hide
Loving, wishing, dreaming,
It's so hard to say goodbye.

Every time I look
I see my journey on the way
Reaching for tomorrow
A light of a brand-new day.

You will find
That no matter what you do
You will see
That love will get you through
Just believe in yourself
The whole way through.

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