

# BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY FOUNDATION HONORS SEVEN DISTINGUISHED LEADERS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS

BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT BAA HONORS GALA

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The Boston Arts Academy Foundation (BAAF) will honor seven distinguished Boston leaders with its annual BAA Honors for their professional and civic achievement on Saturday October 8th.

Modeled after the famed Washington DC annual Kennedy Honors the event will be held in the brand-new state-of-the-art building which opened at the beginning of the new school year and was named for Boston education and arts icon, the late Dr. Elma Lewis, who twice received the distinguished McArthur genius award and a Presidential medal.

The seven BAA Honorees include:

- Lee Pelton, CEO & President - The Boston Foundation, Lifetime Achievement Honoree
- Lee Michael Kennedy, President & CEO- Lee Kennedy Co., Inc. Civic Responsibility Honoree
- Bryan Rafanelli, Founder and Chief Creative Officer- Rafanelli Events, Visual Arts Honoree
- Kobi Halperin, Creative Director- Kobi Halperin and UNGARO Paris, Fashion Honoree
- Latoyia Edwards, Emmy Award-Winning Anchor - NBC10 Boston and NECN Film and Television

Honoree

- Michaela DePrince, Boston Ballet- Second Soloist, Dance Honoree
- Terri Lyne Carrington, Grammy Award-winning artist and Founder & artistic director of the



The poster for the BAA Honors 2022 event features the word "HONORS" in large, colorful letters. To the right is a circular logo for the Boston Arts Academy's 25th anniversary, with the text "Boston Arts Academy 25 YEARS" and "Dedicated to students - global citizens". Below the title, it says "CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF IMPACT AND TRANSFORMATIVE ARTS EDUCATION AT BOSTON ARTS ACADEMY". The main headline reads "THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT! One Night TO CELEBRATE IT ALL!". The event details are: "October 8, 2022 | 6:00 PM | Black Tie", "Produced by Rafanelli Events, a fundraiser supporting Boston Arts Academy Foundation BAA's NEW School Building at 174 Ipswich Street, Boston, MA". It lists "BAA HONORS CO-CHAIRS" Pamela D.A. Reeve and Denella J. Clark, and "HONORARY CHAIRS" including Mayor Michelle Wu and MA State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. It also mentions "DJ and dancing hosted by iHeartMEDIA" and "A Musical Tribute by Berklee". Ticket and sponsorship information is provided: "TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIP baahonors22.givesmart.com", "QUESTIONS? RSVP@baafd.org or call 617-406-9228", and "CAN'T MAKE IT? Scan the QR code to donate". A QR code is present. At the bottom, a row of seven portraits of the honorees is shown with their names and categories: Lee Pelton (Lifetime Achievement), Lee Michael Kennedy (Civic Responsibility), Michaela DePrince (Dance), Kobi Halperin (Fashion), Terri Lyne Carrington (Music), Latoyia Edwards (TV + Film), and Bryan Rafanelli (Visual Arts). The text "2022 BAA HONOREES" is centered above the portraits.

BAA Honors 2022

Berklee

Institute of Jazz and Gender Justice, Music Honoree

“Boston Arts Academy is an institution that fosters a well-rounded experience to mold our students into exceptional artists and leaders. We are so thrilled to be able to have this year’s celebration at the brand-new BAA facility, which was recently named to honor the legacy of Elma Lewis,” said Denella J. Clark, the president and CEO of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation and the co-chair of the event.

The BAA Honors serves as the largest single source of funding for Boston Arts Academy, Boston’s only public high school for the visual and performing arts. The celebration will feature student and guest performances as well as star-studded guest appearances, a live auction, dinner, a lively dance celebration, and more.

About the Boston Arts Academy Foundation:

Established in 1999, the BAA Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization that raises essential funds from private philanthropic sources to augment the BAA school budget. The BAA Foundation helps bridge the gap between the school’s allocation from the Boston Public Schools, and the true cost of a high-quality education that is both arts-intensive and college preparatory. The funds raised by BAAF will ensure that as BAA’s student body grows, students can become successful artists, scholars, and citizens.

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