

KEYS Empowers Announces The Bar Exam Finale Concert Featuring Baltimore's Premier Emerging Musical Talent

*16-Week Intensive Artist Incubator
Culminates in Live Showcase at M&T
Bank Exchange on Aug. 21*

BALTIMORE, GA, UNITED STATES,
August 18, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ --
Nonprofit organization KEYS Empowers
today announced The Bar Exam Finale
Concert, taking place Friday, Aug. 21,
2026, at the M&T Bank Exchange.

Presented in partnership with DTLR and the Mayor's Office, the showcase serves as the grand finale of a 16-week artist development initiative designed to establish sustainable career pathways for Baltimore's creative community.



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Operating out of Dream House — KEYS Empowers' creative, wellness, and workforce development space in East Baltimore — six selected emerging artists completed an intensive curriculum spanning songwriting, audio recording, music industry navigation, financial literacy, mentorship, self-discovery, and integrated mental health programming in partnership with therapeutic partner DVLPMNT. On Friday, these artists will perform original music produced alongside Grammy-nominated and RIAA-certified producers King Midas and Tip12LVE, supported by

live instrumentation from The Vibe Band under the musical direction of Jeffrey Mitchell and Stellar Award winner Joe Pryor.

“Our approach to community transformation meets people where they are. The Bar Exam sparks that momentum. In East Baltimore, Dream House serves as the training ground where creativity meets career development alongside integrated therapy,” said J.E. Green, Executive Producer of The Bar Exam. “In West Baltimore, we are building the KEYS Community Healing Village as a 26,000-square-foot epicenter for community stabilization. Whether disrupting food insecurity,

dismantling health disparities, or bridging intergenerational gaps, our goal is to give every generation the space and tools to discover their identity, heal, and thrive.”

Event Details

- Date: Friday, Aug. 21, 2026
- Location: M&T Bank Exchange, Baltimore
- Schedule: Doors open at 6 p.m. | Concert from 7-9 p.m. | VIP After-Party from 9-11 p.m.
- Special Guest Performers & Judges: Gabby Samone (American Idol Season 23 Top 7 Finalist), YG Teck, NASG Chaz, G Honcho, and Aja Marie.
- Ticketing & Registration: Tickets and guest registration are available at keysempowers.org or via bit.ly/4gdx8Am using access code KEYS.

Program Partners & Sponsors

- Presenting Partners: DTLR and the Mayor’s Office
- Media Partner: WBAL-TV 11
- Financial Literacy Partner: Fulton Bank
- Therapeutic Partner: DVLPMNT
- Supporting Sponsors: Hippodrome Foundation and B360 Baltimore

The initiative highlights the expanding community footprint of KEYS Empowers, spanning workforce development at Dream House in East Baltimore to long-term community stabilization and food access through the forthcoming 26,000-square-foot KEYS Community Healing Village in West Baltimore.

To request media credentials or schedule interviews, call Skylar Peterson at 774-571-1357 or contact Community@keysempowers.org. To learn more about the initiative, [visit keysempowers.org](https://keysempowers.org).

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About KEYS Empowers

KEYS Empowers is a Baltimore-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization advancing community stabilization through healing, holistic wellness, career development, and leadership training. Through dedicated spaces such as Dream House in East Baltimore and the 26,000-square-foot KEYS Community Healing Village in West Baltimore, KEYS Empowers is disrupting food insecurity while equipping individuals and families with behavioral health support, an infrastructure for career development through creativity, and intergenerational programming to build lasting opportunity.

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