



CHANGING
WORLDS

ANNUAL BENEFIT

THURSDAY MAY 16, 6-9PM



CHANGING WORLDS

MISSION AND VISION

CHANGING WORLD'S' MISSION IS TO FOSTER INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES THROUGH ORAL HISTORY, WRITING AND ART PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING, AFFIRM IDENTITY, AND ENHANCE CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.

OUR UNIQUE PROGRAMMING APPROACH INTEGRATES CULTURAL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY HISTORIES WITH WRITING AND THE ARTS TO HELP PARTICIPANTS EXPLORE THEIR OWN BACKGROUNDS, PROMOTE PEACE, AND LEARN ABOUT OTHERS WHILE STRENGTHENING THEIR ACADEMIC AND ARTS LEARNING SKILLS.

WE WORK TOWARD OUR MISSION THROUGH SEPARATE YET INTERCONNECTED PROGRAM AREAS THAT INCLUDE:

IN-SCHOOL AND AFTER-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS,
SEMINARS AND INSTITUTES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES SUCH AS TRAVELING EXHIBITS, SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS, COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6PM - DOORS OPEN

SKY DECK
OPEN BAR

PASSED
APPETIZERS

7PM - PROGRAM BEGINS
LA GALLERIA

8PM - LIV WARFIELD
DESSERT SERVED
BAR REOPENS

840PM - RAFFLE & ART
GALLERY CLOSED



PROGRAM

WELCOME

DR. TIFFANY BELL

CHANGING WORLDS UPDATE

BOARD CHAIR, JAMES HARRIS

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

RECOGNITION

PROGRAM TEAM

HONOREE PRESENTATION

KAY BERKSON TEACHING ARTIST

AVO RANDRUUT

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD

ENGLEWOOD ARTS COLLECTIVE

CHICAGO ARTIST IMPACT AWARD

JEFFERY BECKHAM JR.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

IN YEARS PAST, THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD WAS AWARDED TO ONE STUDENT PER YEAR, WHO WAS HONORED AT THE ANNUAL BENEFIT. THIS YEAR, THE PROGRAM TEAM DECIDED TO GIVE OUT ONE AWARD TO A STUDENT FROM EVERY ONE OF OUR WINTER/SPRING RESIDENCIES. THE TEAM DEVELOPED A RUBRIC TO OUTLINE LEADERSHIP AS IT RELATES TO THE TENETS OF HEALING CENTERED ENGAGEMENT, AND IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CLASSROOM TEACHER AND TEACHING ARTISTS; ONE STUDENT WAS SELECTED FROM EACH RESIDENCY. WE WERE ABLE TO AWARD A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FROM CHANGING WORLDS ALONG WITH A \$35 GIFT CARD TO 52 STUDENTS AT 15 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS/PARTNERS ACROSS CHICAGOLAND!

DANCE/HIP HOP

DEVION W.

DIGITAL MEDIA/PODCASTING

NADIA D.

DRAMA

NAOMI T.

RYANN M.

JAHMIL P.

CHRIS

GARY

FREEDOM SONGS AND CHANGE MAKING

SYDNEY M.

JORDAN L.

DOTTIE N.

GAME OF LIFE

JAYLEEN R.

GLENDIA M.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

GENERAL MUSIC

YASMINE M.
HAYES D.
JACOB M.
NOREA H.
LA'RISA M.
BRIELLE A
CHRISTOPHER B.
SKYLAR D.
DE'MYAH P.
IVY R.
KARA V.
JAYCEON M.
LAMERE J.
NICOLE J.
JAMILY P.
SELAH R.
RIAN P.

INDIGENOUS CULTURES

GUILLERMO H.
KEVIN N.
INTRO TO 3D WORKSHOP
JAQUELINE
SIYA S.
NEIGHBORHOOD SCAPES
CAREY H.
RE-IMAGINE EXHIBITIONS
DAVID O.
MILA M.

SONGWRITING AND MUSIC PRODUCTION

SAVANNAH M.
EZEKIEL A.
VARRIEL K.
XZAVIN S.
AURIEL R.
SPENCER C.
CARLY J.
ANTHEM S.

MURAL ARTS

ANGEL R.
NATALIE V.

PHOTOGRAPHY

MARIAH T.

VISUAL ARTS

SAMANTHA C.

AVO RANDRUUT

CHANGING WORLDS IS PROUD TO SHARE THIS YEAR'S KAY BERKSON TEACHING ARTIST AWARD HONOREE IS AVO RANDRUUT! CHANGING WORLDS HAS RECEIVED COMPLIMENTS FROM OUR STAFF, EDUCATORS, AND OTHERS INVOLVED WITH AVO'S RESIDENCIES ABOUT HIS HARD WORK, CONNECTION WITH THE STUDENTS, AND PASSION FOR MUSIC.

AVO RANDRUUT HAS A LOVE FOR RHYTHMIC MUSIC AND MUSIC PRODUCTION. HE DRAWS FROM HIS EXPERIENCE IN AFRICAN, BRAZILIAN, LATIN, REGGAE, FUNK, AMERICAN ROOTS, NEW ORLEANS SECOND-LINE AND JAZZ TO CREATE INNOVATIVE MUSIC. HE HAS BEEN TEACHING IN CHICAGO FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAS A STRONG RAPPORT WITH HIS STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS. CAREER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: SEVERAL APPEARANCES AT THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ & HERITAGE FESTIVAL, PERFORMING WITH YO-YO MA'S SILK ROAD ENSEMBLE AT MILLENIUM PARK IN CHICAGO, COMPOSING COMPLETE MUSICAL SCORES FOR SEVERAL MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS AT MAJOR THEATER/PERFORMANCE SPACES IN CHICAGO, AN MA IN ETHNOMUSICOLOGY, ARTIST IN RESIDENCE WITH THE CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, MUSICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE DEPAUL UNIVERSITY AFRICAN MUSIC ENSEMBLE, AND



HAVING BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR A NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT. AVO RECENTLY RELEASED AN ALBUM ON ALL STREAMING PLATFORMS UNDER ARTIST: OJO AVO AND TITLE: REVIVAL. HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH CHANGING WORLDS FOR OVER 5 YEARS.

ENGLEWOOD ARTS COLLECTIVE

CHANGING WORLDS IS VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR CHICAGO COMMUNITY ARTS IMPACT AWARD WINNER, THE ENGLEWOOD ARTS COLLECTIVE! THIS AWARD IS TO HONOR ARTS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AND POSITIVELY IMPACTING THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE FOR A MORE JUST AND THRIVING CHICAGO.

ENGLEWOOD ARTS COLLECTIVE (EAC) EXISTS AS A POWERFUL FORCE OF CARING, EXPERIENCED, ENTREPRENEURIAL TEACHING ARTISTS WHO ARE ALL DEEPLY ROOTED TO THE GREATER ENGLEWOOD, CHICAGO COMMUNITY.

COMPRISED OF 10 PROMINENT LEADERS AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES CHANGEMAKERS, EAC CO-FOUNDERS HAVE BEEN DEDICATED TO THE WORK OF CREATIVE EXPRESSION THROUGH THE LENS OF JOY AND REPRESENTATION—BEFORE DOING SO BECAME TRENDY. EAC AND

THEIR LARGE NETWORK OF AFFILIATED ARTISTS ACTIVELY ORCHESTRATE EVENTS AND PROJECTS THAT NOT ONLY SHOWCASE, BUT ALSO CELEBRATE THE DIVERSE TALENTS FROM HISTORICALLY DISINVESTED NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE GREATER ENGLEWOOD CHICAGO.

WITH A COLLABORATIVE PHILANTHROPIC SPIRIT AT ITS CORE, ENGLEWOOD ARTS COLLECTIVE ENRICHES, ADVOCATES FOR AND ENACTS IMPACTFUL TRANSFORMATIONS BENEFITTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE NOT JUST FOR ARTISTS, BUT COMMUNITIES EVERYWHERE.





JEFFERY BECKHAM JR.

CHANGING WORLDS IS VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR CHICAGO ARTIST IMPACT AWARD WINNER, JEFFERY BECKHAM JR. MR. BECKHAM ALIGNS WITH CHANGING WORLDS' VALUES AS A COMMUNITY LEADER, ARTIST, AND ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUALITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

JEFFERY BECKHAM JR. IS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN BOTH THE NONPROFIT AND BUSINESS SECTORS, AS WELL AS AN ACCLAIMED ACRYLIC PAINTER. IN ADDITION TO HIS IMPACTFUL WORK WITH CHICAGO SCHOLARS, JEFFERY IS THE CO-CEO OF REACH PATHWAYS, AN ED-TECH COMPANY FOCUSED ON EDUCATIONAL EQUITY, AND AN AWARD-WINNING ARTIST WHOSE WORK FURTHER AMPLIFIES HIS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.

HE IS A RECOGNIZED SPEAKER, HAVING SHARED HIS INSIGHTS AT PRESTIGIOUS PLATFORMS INCLUDING MCKINSEY & CO., FACEBOOK, AND GROUPON. HIS EXPERTISE AND LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED ACROSS MAJOR MEDIA OUTLETS LIKE FOX-32, ABC, CBS, AND MORE. A DEDICATED COMMUNITY LEADER, JEFFERY SERVES ON SEVERAL BOARDS, INCLUDING THE 100 BLACK MEN, AROSE FOUNDATION, AND BUILDING BETTER FUTURES. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY INC., AND A LEADERSHIP GREATER CHICAGO FELLOW, DEMONSTRATING HIS DEEP COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING GROWTH AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION FOR URBAN COMMUNITIES. JEFFERY'S UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO HIS WORK AND HIS COMMUNITY POSITIONS HIM AS A FORMIDABLE ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE AND A BEACON OF HOPE FOR MANY.

DR. TIFFANY BELL

TIFFANY J. BELL IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE COMMUNICATION AND VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY. AS A SCHOLAR, RESEARCHER, AND TEACHER, SHE HAS HAD MANY UNIQUE EXPERIENCES THAT UNDERLINE HER VERSATILITY AND ADAPTABILITY. THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE ALSO EQUIPPED HER TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER INTERCULTURAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. A PROUD ALUMNA OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY, SHE HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN COMMUNICATION AND CULTURE AND HAS BEEN



HONORED WITH AN EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD FROM VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY. DR. BELL HAS FIRSTHAND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE; SHE SPENT TWO YEARS IN CHINA AS THE FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR AT CHINA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY. IN ADDITION TO HER TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES, DR. BELL IS AN ACTIVE RESEARCHER FOCUSING ON CRITICAL CULTURAL PEDAGOGY, WOMEN'S HEALTH, SOCIAL MEDIA, PUBLIC DISCOURSE, AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE. HER RECENT PUBLICATION, THE PEDAGOGY OF RENEWAL: BLACK WOMEN, RECLAIMING JOY, AND SELF-CARE AS PRAXIS, HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE WITHIN CRITICAL CULTURAL PEDAGOGY, EMPHASIZING HOLISTIC APPROACHES TO EDUCATION AND PERSONAL WELL-BEING.

DR. BELL'S IMPACT EXTENDS BEYOND TRADITIONAL ACADEMIC SETTINGS; SHE FOUNDED BRIDGEWITHBELL, LLC, A COMMUNICATION COMPANY. SHE HAS WORKED WITH VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS: THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, LOS ANGELES URBAN LEAGUE, NATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, MICHIGAN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, INDIANA UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, GMR MARKETING, CALUMET EPISCOPAL MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AND PORTER/LAKE COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS, AND CHICAGO YOUTH CENTERS. THROUGH THESE PARTNERSHIPS, SHE CONTINUES TO CHAMPION THE VALUES OF EMPATHY, INCLUSIVITY, AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.

LIV WARFIELD

LIV WARFIELD SHOW IS LIKE NO OTHER. SHE IS UNIQUELY HER OWN ARTIST. LIV'S POWERFUL VOCALS AND ENORMOUS STAGE PRESENCE IS WHY SHE HAS BEEN INVITED TO PERFORM AND RECORD WITH MUSIC ROYALTY FROM PRINCE TO NANCY WILSON OF HEART, NUNO BETTENCOURT, STEVIE WONDER, AND MORE.

LIV HAS DELIVERED SHOW-STOPPING PERFORMANCES ON "THE TONIGHT SHOW STARRING JIMMY FALLON", "JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE!", AND "THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN." HER MOST RECENT JAW DROPPING TELEVISION PERFORMANCE WAS ON GMA WHERE SHE PERFORMED THE TITLE TRACK TO HER LATEST ALBUM, EDGE.

SHE IS A SOUL TRAIN MUSIC AWARD WINNER, BET BEST NEW ARTIST NOMINEE, AND NAACP IMAGE AWARD'S OUTSTANDING NEW ARTIST NOMINEE. SHE HAS BROUGHT DOWN THE HOUSE WITH HER ELECTRIC PERFORMANCES AND MAJOR FESTIVALS SUCH AS MONTREUX JAZZ FESTIVAL, NICE JAZZ FESTIVAL, PLEINS FEUX AND ESSENCE FESTIVAL.

NO MATTER THE VENUE, THE CITY, OR CIRCUMSTANCES YOU WILL FLOAT AWAY FROM EACH PERFORMANCE ON A CLOUD WANTED THE EVENING TO NEVER STOP. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS A LIV WARFIELD SHOW UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL. YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT!



PROGRAMS

Changing Worlds teaches skills in the arts to deepen young peoples' social, emotional and cultural awareness. We offer programs led by experienced teaching artists in visual arts, dance, creative writing and spoken word, drama and storytelling, and music in many forms. Each program employs a Healing Centered Engagement approach, using the arts to help students to grow social emotional capacities in Culture, Agency, Relationships, Meaning, and Aspirations. We offer programs in a variety of K-12 and community settings: in-school, after-school, parent and family programming, and beyond!

23-24 school year program offerings

Visual Arts - Examining Culture, History, and Identity
Musical Beginnings General Music (Pre-K – 5th grade)
Songwriting and Music Production (6th-12th grade)
The History and Artistry of Hip-Hop Dance
Creative Drama - Sharing and Performing Stories
Spoken Word - Living Poetry and Creative Writing

IMPACT METRICS

1750

STUDENTS SERVED

23

SCHOOLS

19

NEIGHBORHOODS

37

TEACHING ARTISTS

74

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