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Come Make Magic at Expressions 2018

Expressions 2018 includes an original work from Tony nominee Christopher d'Amboise, scenes from Serenade & Pippin, Motown hits, & a student-produced animation!

BALTIMORE – Baltimore School for the Arts' (BSA) annual fundraising gala, Expressions, will be held March 3-6, 2018. Chaired by Jay Jenkins and TJ Hindman, this year's theme, *The Magic We Make*, celebrates the training and experiences that propel Baltimore School for the Arts students to extraordinary success. The inspiring and dynamic one-hour show includes an original dance work choreographed by Tony nominee Christopher d'Amboise, an excerpt from a Balanchine masterwork ballet, a student-produced animated film, and Motown favorites. The show will be dedicated to the school's first director, David Simon, who passed away in July, and Dance Department Head Norma Pera, who will be retiring in June after serving the school for 38 years.

"This year's show represents the heart of the Baltimore School for the Arts, and we're excited to showcase our new film department," said Dr. Chris Ford, director of the school. "*The Magic We Make* is ultimately about the relationships that enable us to offer a life-changing education to Baltimore City students."

BSA's new Charles C. Baum Film and Visual Storytelling Department (lead donors, Patricia and Mark Joseph & Patricia Baum) will debut a rotoscope film, which is an animation technique that involves drawing over live action footage. The ambitious interdisciplinary project also includes work from students in the dance and music departments, as well as a live component during the performance. Local and national guest artists worked with the students to bring the film to fruition.

The Gala Opening will be Saturday, March 3, at 6:30 pm, and includes art classes taught by BSA students, a seated dinner, and the student show. Tickets are \$375. Sunday, March 4, at 2pm and 5:30 pm are the Family Performances, which enables the whole community to enjoy the show for only \$20. Stage One I FANS Night on Tuesday, March 6, at 6:30 pm is a lively, festive evening beginning with lite fare and cocktails followed by the performance and dessert. Tickets are \$125. Tickets to all of the

events can be purchased at www.mt.cm/bsa.

All events will be held at the Baltimore School for the Arts, The Mark K. Joseph Building, 712 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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The Baltimore School for the Arts is a nationally recognized public arts high school that provides its students with intensive pre-professional training in the arts in conjunction with a rigorous academic curriculum. BSA graduates go on to the most selective arts and university programs nationwide and achieve prominence in theater, film, music, dance, and the visual arts. Additionally, the BSA's highly acclaimed TWIGS program offers free after-school arts instruction to more than 700 city elementary and middle school children from schools across Baltimore, as well as other outreach initiatives to thousands more. Founded in 1979, the school is an integral and vibrant part of Baltimore's educational and cultural communities.

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