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Expressions 2019 Debuts Exciting New Format

Baltimore's Signature Gala Celebrates Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, Sally Michel, and the Children of Baltimore

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND – Baltimore School for the Arts' signature gala, Expressions, will celebrate what is possible when a community comes together to build a brighter future for its children and its city. Chaired this year by Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, the evening will also celebrate the legacy of his close friend, the legendary Sally Michel. In addition, the Saturday evening gala on March 2 will debut an exciting new format. The event will begin with an inspiring student performance at 7 pm. Afterwards, at 8 pm, guests will savor a buffet dinner offered at different locations throughout the school. Arts classes will follow at 8:45 pm. The family performances of the one-hour show will take place on Sunday, March 3, at 2 and 5:30 pm. The Stage One young professionals' evening will keep its format and begin at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 5.

"Sally Michel embodied the best of our community," said Chris Ford, director of the Baltimore School for the Arts. "She was a tireless volunteer not only for Baltimore School for the Arts, but many other nonprofits in the city. She is an inspiration to us all, and it's an honor to have her dear friend and partner in this work, Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, as the honorary co-chair for this very special Expressions."

Expressions is the single most important fundraiser for Baltimore School for the Arts, and raises almost 50 percent of the support required for the annual fund every year. It was created in 1979 by Sally and another long-time BSA supporter, Darielle Linehan. Together with their clever committee, they conceived the evening's unique format with art classes and a student performance, and subsequently chaired the gala for 15 years.

Expressions 2019 will take place at Baltimore School for the Arts, 712 Cathedral Street,

Baltimore, MD. Tickets are \$20-375 and can be purchased at mt.cm/bsa.

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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 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.