

MEDIA ALERT

Music Makes Me Happy Honors Legendary Joan Myers Brown During Women's Month at The Gathering in West Philadelphia

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Event Information: http://musichappiness.com/thegathering/

WHO: Music Makes Me Happy

WHAT: The Gathering is an annual mixer, which brings together artists and organizations who inspire social change through art and music. Guests enjoy great food, cocktails, music, live art, a panel discussion, featured community arts organization exhibits, and 300+ amazing people in Philly creating impact while changing lives.

WHEN: Wednesday March 22, 2017

TIME: 7:00pm -10:00pm 1st Live Performance - 8pm Women's Month Honoree - 8:20pm 2nd Live Performance - 9:30pm

WHERE: William Street Common - 3900 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19104.

WHY: Joshua Dingle is the founder of Music Makes Me Happy, a network of music lovers who believe in music's ability to inspire change. At The Gathering, Music Makes Me Happy will present its Women's Month Honor to Featured Panelist Joan Myers Brown, Founder of The Philadelphia Dance Company (*PHILADANCO*) and The Philadelphia School of Dance Arts. Myers will be honored for her legacy and successful career in the arts. Also in attendance will be Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds-Brown to give remarks on behalf of Philadelphia City Council and to aid in honoring her dance mentor, Joan Myers Brown.

Feature Live Performances Include:

- Chartrel, singer and recording has sung with the best of them including BET Honors, BET Music Matters, Leah Smith, Vertical Current, Robert Glasper, and Eric Robeson.
- Janee Latrice, a recording artist from West Philadelphia who loves every opportunity to grace the stage. Janee recently performed for The 2016 Democratic National Convention's Delegates Welcome Reception in Philadelphia.

The topic of discussion during the featured panel will engage talks about *Inspiring Social Change and Civic Engagement Through Art and Music in Philadelphia and Beyond!*

Confirmed Panelists Include:

- Joan Myers Brown, the founder of The Philadelphia Dance Company (*PHILADANCO*) and The Philadelphia School of Dance Arts.
- Dave Silver, founder of Rec Philly which is Philadelphia's creative agency that focuses on building careers for creative people.
- Lyrispect, a passionate wordsmith, curator and educator who has authored a collection of poetry, created a multi-media series, contributed to two murals in the city of Philadelphia.
- "Just Greg", Founder of Philly Youth Poetry Movement.

At The Gathering, Music Makes Me Happy will announce The Heart Exchange, a youth mentorship program that matches local artists to youth in underserved communities. The program is set to launch in Philadelphia this Fall.

For more information regarding Music Makes Me Happy or press inquiries please contact Danielle P. Jeter by cell (267)- 562-2179 or email dpjeter@gmail.com.

Members of the Press are invited and welcomed to attend. Please confirm attendance in advance.

About Music Makes Me Happy:

Music Makes Me Happy is a 501c3 non profit organization and community of 15k artists who inspire social change through art and music. Our mission is to provoke artists toward social awareness, advocacy, and action. Learn more at www.musichappiness.org

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