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Bid on our Live Auction items starting at 7:30pm

Thank you to our generous auction donors. Gala proceeds support CMSS' financial aid and scholarship programs.

CMSS 2023 Spring Gala Livestream Schedule of Events

6:00pm Musical performance by Christopher Baymon, pianot; Jayce Baymon, bass; Kevaughn Brown, drums

6:30pm Musical performance by Chestina Thrower, vocals; with Steve Moser, pianist

7:00pm Welcome, Joel Vengco, CMSS Board President & Eileen McCaffery, CMSS Executive Director

7:10pm ★ CMSS Excellence Awards ★

Community Awards: Andrew Cade and Azell Cavaan

CMSS Faculty Award: Marineh Kirakoysan

Tribute by Charmaine Liu, piano; S.Prokofiev Piano Sonata no.3 op.28

7:25pm 2023 Retrospective - Eileen McCaffery & Gladys Mbugua Javelin Parra, vocals; performs with Steve Moser, pianist

7:30pm Live Auction, Jay Therrien, Auctioneer

8:00pm - 9:30pm - Musical Performance by Misty Blues

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2023 CMSS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Community Excellence Awards



Andrew Cade and Azell Cavaan

Andrew Cade and Azell Cavaan have inspired numerous arts and culture initiatives throughout Springfield, lifting up artists and celebrating their contributions to our community. Andrew and Azell have served as beloved co-MCs for the Annual Springfield Dr. King Day Celebration helping to advance the importance of arts education in our community. CMSS is deeply grateful for these amazing community members and are honored to recognize them with the community excellence awards.

Faculty Excellence Award



Marineh Kirakosyan

Marineh Kirakosyan has been a cherished faculty member of CMSS since 2009. She graduated with a bachelor of performing arts in Yerevan, Armenia and received a Master of Performing Arts degree in 1993. Marineh began her professional career as a piano instructor in 1993 at the St. Petersburg Academy of Music. CMSS is honored to recognize Marineh with this year's Faculty Excellence Award.