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Music, art, and brunch to feed the soul at Inner-City Arts benefit gala, Mar.5

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (February 2022) — Art lovers and supporters of arts education for youth are invited to the beautiful Downtown LA campus of Inner-City Arts for the "Soulful Sunday" gala brunch, Mar. 5, 2023, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Inner-City Arts is an oasis of learning, achievement, and creativity in the heart of Skid Row, where Los Angeles students in kindergarten through 12th grade and beyond find an abundance of offerings that support their well-being and skills. The nonprofit provides low– and no-cost classes for youth taught by exceptional artists in the visual, performing, and media arts — both in the incredibly well-appointed studios and performance spaces on its own campus and through residencies in the city's public and charter school classrooms. For almost 35 years, Inner-City Arts has made a powerful difference in students' lives by helping them develop the tools to express their unique creative voices.

"Soulful Sunday" will be a joyous party packed with musical performances, art exhibitions, hands-on creative activities in the studios, and delicious gourmet soul food and cocktails. Not only will guests make an important contribution to Inner-City Arts programs through their ticket or sponsorship purchase, but they will also get to immerse themselves in the magical experience that every student finds on the marvelous campus. Among the gala's many highlights, the seven-piece Beaucoup Brass Band promises to get guests up and dancing through the gardens. Urban Voices Project will perform, talented student artists will present their work, and Inner-City Arts alumnus, comedian, and TV writer Vince Caldera will be master of ceremonies.

Inner-City Arts CEO and President Shelby Williams-González invites the creative community of Los Angeles to get involved and connect with each other on Soulful Sunday. "This place has a wonderful way of inspiring the inner artist in adults as well as kids," she says. "After two years of remote programming, we're excited to offer a spark of connection for the whole community to celebrate together and lift up art and creativity as essential forces in our lives."

GALA DETAILS: Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Inner-City Arts campus, 720 Kohler St., Los Angeles. Sponsorship and ticket purchases available at <u>inner-cityarts.org/soulfulsunday</u>.

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ABOUT INNER-CITY ARTS: Founded in 1989, Inner-City Arts is a learning oasis in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles. Under the guidance of professional teaching artists, Inner-City Arts' students are immersed in a safe and supportive environment where they may engage in a variety of visual, media, and performing art forms in a virtual studio setting. Services include core classes during the instructional day for grade K-8 students, after- school and weekend workshops for teens, and creativity based professional development training for educators. Children who attend Inner-City Arts develop skills that are highly valued in the 21st century workforce such as collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

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