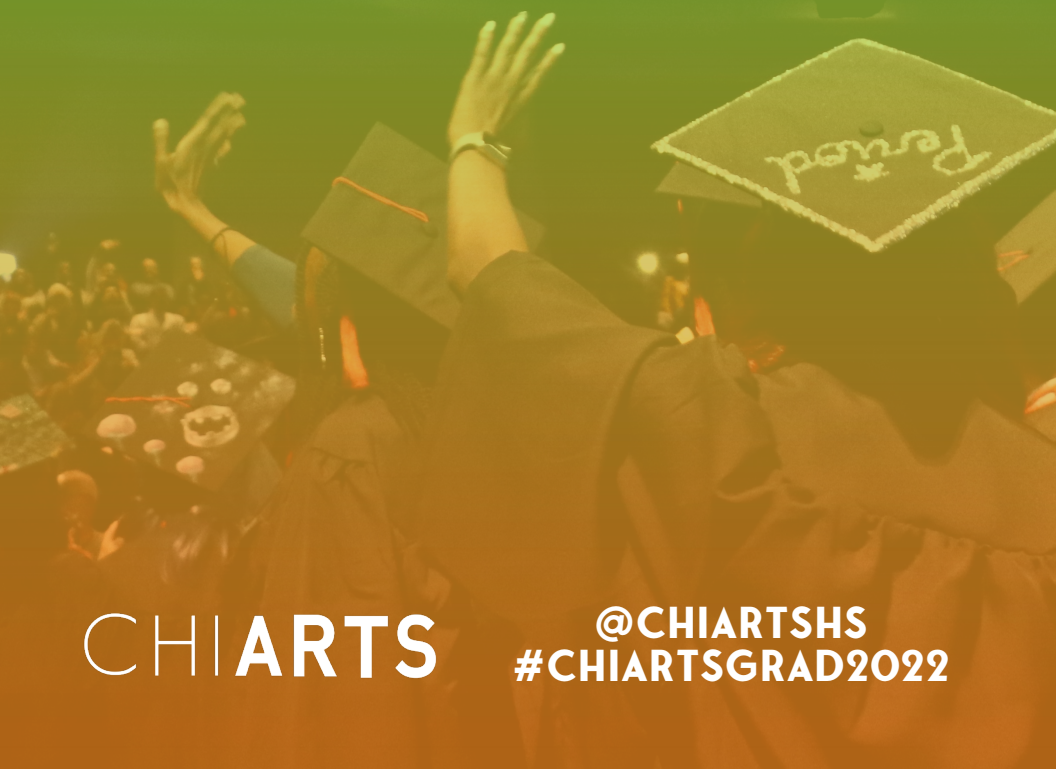


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# CHIARTS CLASS OF 2022

JUNE 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM

HARRIS THEATER FOR MUSIC AND DANCE



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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## **PRESHOW MUSIC**

ChiArts Jazz Combo

## **PROCESSION**

Platform Party, Faculty, Graduates

## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

Cynthia Plouché, ChiArts School Board Chair

## **FOUNDER'S AWARD RECOGNITION**

Presented by Tina Boyer Brown, Artistic Director

## **ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

Lorraine Cruz, Interim Principal

## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS**

Abbey Cullen

## **SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS**

## **VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS**

## **SEAL OF BILITERACY RECOGNITION**

Chris Cashman, Academic Faculty

## **ARTISTIC DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS**

Tina Boyer Brown

## **2022 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Kevin Iga Jeff

## **DIPLOMA CONFERRAL**

Mark J Bracken Jr., Theatre Conservatory  
Chris Lin Dao-Heng, Visual Arts Conservatory  
Kenyatta Rogers, Creative Writing Conservatory  
Greer A. Reed, Dance Conservatory  
Anthony Bruno, Music Conservatory

## **PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS**

Lorraine Cruz

## **RECESSION**

Platform Party, Faculty, Graduates

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



## KEVIN IEGA JEFF

*Co-founder, Deeply Rooted Dance Theater  
Creative & Executive Director,  
Deeply Rooted Productions  
Accomplished Dancer  
Award-Winning Choreographer  
Educator & Thought Leader*

Kevin Iega Jeff (he/him/his) is a co-founder of Deeply Rooted Dance Theater (DRDT) and creative/executive director of Deeply Rooted Productions, DRDT's umbrella organization. Jeff is an accomplished dancer, award-winning choreographer, acclaimed artistic director, thought leader, educator, and mentor for young artists. His work addresses socially relevant issues and has been featured in high-profile events such as The National Civil Rights Museum's Freedom Award and the 1996 Summer Olympics.

In addition to his ground-breaking work with Deeply Rooted, Jeff collaborates on a wide range of professional and community-based projects across the country. His work has been featured in several films, including Spike Lee's *She's Gotta Have It*; on television at The Academy Awards (Oscars); and on Broadway in *The Wiz* and *Comin' Uptown*. In 2005, The Juilliard School named Jeff one of its "100 Outstanding Alumni" in celebration of the school's centenary anniversary. He has also received recognition from the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Council for Culture and Art, Chicago Black Theater Alliance, Chicago DanceMakers Forum, and was announced this June as one of The Field Foundation's 2022 Leaders for a New Chicago.

Jeff has taught and lectured nationally and internationally at public and private schools, community organizations, universities, colleges, and cultural institutions, including: Howard University, The University of Chicago, Purdue University, Point Park University, Frye Art Museum, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Massachusetts Amherst, and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa.

# PRESENTING THE THEATRE GRADUATES



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022

Siah Berlatsky  
Ashayla Calvin  
Madelyn Cantzler\*  
Alyna Carlton  
Natalia Carrasquillo  
Jadah Clay\*  
Precious Collins\*  
Christopher Commiso\*  
Amani Cosey  
India Culpepper

Tyrese Fisher Jr\*  
Saul Garza  
Jaiana Gray  
Kenneth Howard  
Kateri Hughes  
Kendrick Jackson  
Zola Lopes<sup>B^</sup>  
Osiris Maldonado  
OJ Marceau  
Jaden Marshall

Malachi McDonald  
Dulcesarahi Medina<sup>B</sup>  
Deondre Morris  
Isabella Reyes<sup>B</sup>  
Naomi Sadler  
Issa Scanlon  
Dariya Smith  
Michael Vasilevich  
Gabrielle  
Yuen-Morales

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# PRESENTING THE VISUAL ARTS GRADUATES



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Elijah Bermejo  
Elliot Bushell  
Jeremy Carter  
Sophia Clinard-Rubio  
Zaylah Delatorre  
Rachel Deveyra  
Talia Fidler  
Dashiell Hamalainen  
Celia Hannan

Ahmad Hunter  
Yessenia Martinez<sup>B</sup>  
Martina Munoz  
Eleni Pacheco\*  
Dayanhara Quevedo  
Ashley Quirarte  
Alejandra Rodriguez<sup>B</sup>  
Sequoia Rusk  
Nalani Sexton<sup>B ^</sup>  
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# PRESENTING THE CREATIVE WRITING GRADUATES



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Allan Ayala<sup>^</sup>  
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Skye Bruner  
Gray Dawson  
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Jurni Ford  
Arden Goodwin  
Shaloomealah  
Hampton-King

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Erica Jones  
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Kaleigh Mueller<sup>\*D</sup>  
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