



## THE CHIARTS 15TH ANNIVERSARY



### HONORING THE FIRST GENERATION OF SCHOLAR-ARTISTS

The 124 scholar-artists of ChiArts' first graduating class joined Chicago's first public arts high school without even a building address. United by a bold vision, they shaped ChiArts into a national model of equity and access in arts education. Today, they're trailblazing in the arts, business, tech, and beyond—proof that daring to dream transforms communities. **Your support fuels the next generations of changemakers.**

**DREAMERS WHO DARED.  
TRAILBLAZERS WHO DELIVERED.  
THE GRADUATES OF 2013.**



### VISIONARIES REDEFINING MUSIC JOSHUA AND JOEL ROSS

Twin brothers Joshua and Joel Ross are reshaping the music world—Joshua as an acclaimed drummer and co-founder of Staj, an app revolutionizing artist and fan connections, and Joel as a celebrated vibraphonist with four Blue Note albums and faculty roles at Manhattan School of Music and The New School—while showcasing ChiArts as a launchpad for world-class talent.





**GENRE-DEFYING  
DANCER**

**BEN MARSHALL**

Novice-turned-professional dancer whose journey spans training at Chicago's premier studios, the University of Michigan, and becoming a company member of the iconic Hiplet Ballerinas.



**TEACHING ARTIST,  
ACTOR, DIRECTOR**

**JUSTICE FORD**

Dedicated to transforming lives through theater, she is a multitaled storyteller with credits at The Artistic Home and Congo Square Theatre.

**ARTISAN-PAINTER  
AND CREATIVE  
COLLABORATOR**

**HARLAN BALLOGG**

A boundary-pushing painter and craftsman known for his unique aesthetic, he has collaborated with world-renowned brands like Nike, Levi, Coca-Cola, and Louis Vuitton.



In the last 15 years of ChiArts history more than **1,700 alumni** have emerged as **changemakers in the arts, business, technology, medicine, education, and beyond**, demonstrating that ChiArts isn't just about creating artists—it's about fostering leaders and visionaries.

Today, **ChiArts remains the only public arts high school in the nation recruiting novices**, empowering **ALL** students to excel in the arts, industry, and leadership, and making a lasting impact in Chicago and communities everywhere.

**Help us continue the legacy started by our first class of students, empowering the next generation of artists and visionaries to create and inspire.**



*Join us in celebrating 15 years! Scan to donate.*

