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## **Prominent Baltimore School for the Arts Alumni Return to Share Successes**

*Alumni will discuss career highlights in a TED Talk-style symposium*

**BALTIMORE** – Baltimore School for the Arts alumni from around the country will return to the school on Friday, February 9, at 10:30 am to participate in a TED talk-style symposium for the school's current students. Alumni from each discipline will participate, with current careers ranging from marketing and finance to songwriting and arts administration. Each graduate will give a 7-minute talk about his or her professional journey.

"We're so incredibly grateful to our alumni for returning home to invest in our current students," said Dr. Chris Ford, director of the school. "The skills learned by studying the arts--including discipline, resilience, and time management--bring success in any profession. Whether our students pursue a career in a creative industry or another field, we hope they'll be inspired and gain useful information about a number of careers."

The line-up includes:

**Kwame Alston** (Stage Design and Production Class of 2014): College student at the Johns Hopkins University; senior class president

**Christopher Featherstone** (Music Class of 2004): Composer and producer, has written songs for Kehlani, Dru Hill, and others

**Dorion Fuchs** (Theatre Class of 1984): Stage production for multiple prominent Broadway shows

**Karlette Fuchs** (Dance Class of 1984): College counselor in New York City

**Adam Gorode** (Music Class of 2002): CEO/Co-founder AGW Group, an integrated cultural and marketing agency

**Angela Harris** (Dance Class of 1996): Founder of Dance Canvas, a career development organization for young choreographers; former dancer for the Georgia Ballet, Columbia City Ballet, and Urban Ballet Theater in NYC

**Todd Harvey** (Visual Arts Class of 1994): Principal and co-founder, Mission Media, a digital and design agency

**Li-Wen Kang** (Music Class of 1988): Senior financial advisor, Merrill Lynch

**Aubree Weiley** (Music Class of 1994): Manager of community partnerships at the Peabody Institute

This is the second alumni symposium the school has hosted, and it is becoming an annual event. Each year, Baltimore School for the Arts will invite alumni from different industries to share their experiences.

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The Baltimore School for the Arts is a nationally recognized public arts high school that provides its students with intensive pre-professional training in the arts in conjunction with a rigorous academic curriculum. BSA graduates go on to the most selective arts and university programs nationwide and achieve prominence in theater, film, music, dance, and the visual arts. Additionally, the BSA's highly acclaimed TWIGS program offers free after-school arts instruction to more than 700 city elementary and middle school children from schools across Baltimore, as well as other outreach initiatives to thousands more. Founded in 1979, the school is an integral and vibrant part of Baltimore's educational and cultural communities.

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