



A MUSICAL GALA

A Virtual Event

**21 NOVEMBER, 2025
6 PM PACIFIC**

Featuring

Aloe Blacc
Keith David
Earth, Wind & Fire Horns
Michael McDonald
Sy Smith
Kamasi Washington

Honoring

Cathy Stone

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Talent



Aloe Blacc

Aloe Blacc is an American singer, songwriter, and musician known for his soulful voice and empowering lyrics. He gained worldwide recognition with hits like "I Need a Dollar" and Avicii's "Wake Me Up." Blacc's music blends soul, R&B, and folk influences, reflecting themes of hope, empathy, and social awareness.



Keith David

Keith David is an Emmy Award-winning actor and voice artist known for his powerful screen presence and distinctive voice. He has starred in films like *Platoon*, *The Thing*, and *Crash*, and is celebrated for his voice roles in *The Princess and the Frog* and the *Halo* series. His versatility has made him a standout figure across film, television, and animation.



Earth, Wind & Fire Horns

The Earth, Wind & Fire Horns are the powerhouse horn section behind the iconic sound of Earth, Wind & Fire, known for their bold brass lines, dynamic energy, and signature blend of funk, jazz, and soul. Featured on timeless hits like "September" and "Boogie Wonderland," they helped define one of the most influential sounds in music history. Their legendary musicianship continues to inspire artists worldwide.

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Michael McDonald

Michael McDonald is a Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, and keyboardist known for his soulful vocals and major influence on pop, rock, and R&B. A former member of The Doobie Brothers and Steely Dan, he later achieved solo success with hits like "What a Fool Believes" and "Minute by Minute." His distinctive sound has made him a defining voice of his generation.



Sy Smith

Sy Smith is an acclaimed singer, songwriter, and producer often dubbed the "Queen of Underground Soul." Known for her rich vocals and genre-blending style, she has worked with artists such as Whitney Houston, Meshell Ndegeocello, and Chris Botti, while also building a respected solo career. With critically acclaimed albums and dynamic live performances, Sy Smith continues to influence the soul and R&B landscape with creativity and authenticity.



Kamasi Washington

Kamasi Washington is a celebrated saxophonist, composer, and bandleader known for redefining contemporary jazz with his expansive, genre-blending sound. Rising to global prominence with his acclaimed album *The Epic*, he has collaborated with artists such as Kendrick Lamar, Herbie Hancock, and Thundercat. Washington's music bridges jazz, soul, classical, and hip-hop, establishing him as one of the most influential voices in modern music.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Presenting Sponsor (\$20,000)	Fund an entire class for a semester
Artistic Director (\$15,000)	Fund the salary of one of our part-time teachers, who is a local artist or former student of the Pullum Center
Conductor (\$10,000)	Fund an out-of-state trip for performances or festivals, such as the Vail Jazz Festival, for up to 20 students
Concert Master (\$5,000)	Provide a field trip for 50 students in the summer program
Principal (\$2,500)	Support two students for a full year, including the summer program
Chorus (\$1,250)	Support a student for a full year, including the summer program

Individual Tickets: \$250

To sponsor, please contact Kavya Velagapudi, Development Director, at Kvelagapudi@pullumcenter.org.

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About the Pullum Center

Founded in 2011, the Fernando Pullum Community Arts Center provides quality, no-cost, performing arts education to more than 1,200 underserved students in South Los Angeles, ages 5 to 20. Our program empowers young people to create a new vision of who they are and what they can become. Our teachers provide a program with structure and a well-planned curriculum to help students develop a love for and competency in the performing arts and apply the same dedication and commitment to their academics.

Why Us

- Pullum Center has ZERO high-school dropouts. 100% of Pullum Center high school seniors graduate.
- More than 90% of Pullum Center students go on to college or pursue a career in the performing arts.
- Pullum Center provides free dinner and a snack for all students.
- Students have once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Students meet and perform with well-known artists. In the last five years, those artists have included Jackson Browne, Wayne Shorter, Quincy Jones, Yoko Ono, Dr. John, Aloe Blacc, John Mayer, and Kamasi Washington.

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