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The Depot, MPLS **THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024** 5:00 - 9 :00 PM



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ANNUAL CELEBRATION

WELCOME TO THE ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION 2024 ANNUAL CELEBRATION: THE GIFT OF GIRLHOOD

Dear Ann Bancroft Foundation Community,

The best part of being co-chairs for the 2024 Annual Celebration of the Ann Bancroft Foundation is dreaming together to create a night dedicated to honoring the boundless talents, gifts, and ambitions of girl-identifying youth in Minnesota. Our goal was to gather our devoted and expansive community to celebrate, invest in, and reflect on the power of girls who transform our world daily.

Whether you are a seasoned attendee or experiencing this celebration for the first time, we want you to know that this event is designed with you in mind. We are grateful for your choice to celebrate with us tonight.

Your contributions this evening will support our mission of nurturing the limitless talents and invaluable voices of girls as they dream for themselves. Together, we will provide Minnesota girl-identifying youth with a supportive network and the resources to cultivate their confidence to dream and continually imagine something bigger.

On behalf of the entire event committee, as well as the staff and board of the Ann Bancroft Foundation, we extend our deepest gratitude to you. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gigi Chawla 2024 Event Committee Co-Chair

Jamie Millard 2024 Event Committee Co-Chair





All illustrations by Nat Vuong, Age 16, 2024 grant recipient

5:00 PM

- Reception in The Conservatory
 & Great Northern
- Cocktails & Morsels
- Silent Auction
- Wine Wall
- Step and Repeat Selfie Station
- Live Illustrators

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Share your photos with the hashtag #GiftofGirlhood

6:45 PM PLATED DINNER IN PAVILION

SALAD

Minnesconsin Salad - romaine lettuce, chicory, roasted squash, red onion, red pepper, chevre, with maple vinaigrette (GF, NF)

MAIN COURSE

Herb-Roasted Chicken - served with wild rice and honey roasted jeweled carrots (GF, DF, and NF)

— OR —

Grilled Portabella Napoleon - served with bushel boy tomatoes, mashed yukon potatoes, vegan ricotta, arugula, and brussel sprouts (Vegan, GF, DF, and NF)

DESSERT

Lemon Zucchini Muffins or Beet Brownies (NF) Sweets, provided by Green Garden Bakery, To Take Home

7:15 PM PROGRAM

Host - Madeline Lemmer Entertainment - Art of Dance, Brooklyn Park Grounding - Ethelind B. Kaba, *Executive Director* DreamMaker Presentation - Ann Bancroft, *Founder* Fireside Chat - Ann Bancroft with Aaliyah Murray, Cloie Stevens, and Oluwatomini Ola Live Auction - Glen Fladeboe, *Fladeboe Advancement* & LaCora Bradford Kesti, *Board of Directors* Trailblazer Spotlight Video - Nat Vuong, *Event Illustrator* Fund-a-Dream - Glen Fladeboe Gratitude - Dr. Gigi Chawla & Jamie Millard, *Event Co-Chairs*



MADELINE LEMMER

Madeline is an 11th grader from Winona, Minnesota, whose bold dream is to become a United States Supreme Court Justice. Madeline is a 2024 Trailblazer Fellow who will utilize her grant to attend a youth leadership conference in Washington, DC over the summer and begin touring colleges with plans to study political science.

She founded the Winter Color Guard Program at Cotter High School, is captain of the Color Guard team, an active member of the Mock Trial team, and a National Honor Society member.

MADELINE SHARED:

"I remember in second grade doing an activity where we had to draw what we wanted to be when we were older. I drew an American flag with a podium and microphone in front of it. I had no idea what to call this job so above the flag I wrote 'Change.' All I knew was that someday I wanted to change the world."





ART OF DANCE

Art of Dance, located in Brooklyn Park, is a dynamic dance studio renowned for its commitment to artistic excellence and community engagement. Owner Linda Green received a 2020 Impact Award from the Ann Bancroft Foundation for her work to empower students of all ages and skill levels to discover their rhythm, express themselves, and unleash their full potential on the dance floor. To date, over 20 talented Art of Dance students have received grants from the Ann Bancroft Foundation. Tonight's dance team includes Justine (2014 Fall Grantee), Justice (2014 Fall Grantee), Lynaya (2016 Fall Grantee), and Nyri (2023 Fall Grantee).







ETHELIND B. KABA executive director

Ethelind is passionate about many things and wears many hats with one purpose: to spark in others the same curiosity about advancing human equity, potential, and dignity that motivates her work and life.

As the Executive Director of the Ann Bancroft Foundation since 2021, Ethelind champions its vision—a world in which all who identify as a girl have a chance to live their dream and reach their full potential. Ethelind also previously founded The Stargirl Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering teen and tween girls, for which she was named a Changemaker by *MN Women's Press*. She has also received recognition by Twin Cities Business as one of the "100 Top People of 2024," and by Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal as one of "50 Black Leaders To Know." Ethelind offers her experience and talents to several organizations including The Jeremiah Program as a Board Member and serves on the Board of Regents at Augsburg University.

"In a world where dreams are as diverse as the stars in the sky, I've had a million and one of them—from running a modeling agency to leading the human rights division at the UN. But what's truly remarkable is that my village has dreamed even bigger for me. And for that, I'll forever be thankful."





ANN BANCROFT

Ann is one of the world's preeminent polar explorers and an internationally recognized leader who is dedicated to inspiring women and girls around the world to unleash the power of their dreams. At the age of eight, Ann's first expedition was in the backyard orchard during a subzero degree Minnesota winter. Many adventures later, further from home, she actualized her girlhood dreams of reaching the ends of the earth.

Ann's polar exploits created opportunities off the ice caps. In 2016, President Obama invited her to address scientists and educators from 25 nations for a unified response to climate change. Ann was one of Glamour Magazine's "Women of the Year" (2001), inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame (1995), named Ms. Magazine's "Woman of the Year" (1987), and is honored in the Minnesota Historical Society's permanent exhibit, "MN-150" honoring 150 people, places, and things that have shaped Minnesota, along with gear from her historic expeditions.

"I had so many dreams as a young girl. I always wanted to go where no one had ever been."



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GLEN FLADEBOE principal partner and auctioneer

Glen Fladeboe, Principal Partner and Auctioneer of Fladeboe Advancement, attended the World Wide College of Auctioneering in Mason City, Iowa immediately after graduating high school and has been part of the Fladeboe family business ever since. With over 25 years of experience as a professional auctioneer and fundraiser, he has been instrumental in building Fladeboe Advancement into a premier benefit auction and fundraising strategy consulting company. He credits the success of the business to his exceptional staff, time spent consulting with and getting to know clients, and a company philosophy that says, "if you focus on the mission of the organization, people will be inspired and support the cause."

"When I was a little boy, I wanted to be a farmer."









LaCora Bradford Kesti serves as Vice President of Community Impact at the Women's Foundation of Minnesota. Hailing from Minneapolis, LaCora has over two decades of experience living, volunteering, and working in the Twin Cities metro area. She is a Northside Community Member in the Camden-Lind Bohanon neighborhood. She graduated from the College of St. Scholastica and completed two years of AmeriCorps, fulfilling over 3,400 service hours for the betterment of her community.

Last June, she accepted a role on the Ann Bancroft Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves as Board Co-Chair for Hope Community, where she has served for five years.

"One dream I had as a child was that the street lights would never come on at night. I wanted the sun to stay just low enough to play outside all day."







AALIYAH MURRAY dreammaker honoree

Aaliyah Murray is an 18-year-old social justice activist. She is an advocate for youth civic engagement, Black Lives Matter, gun violence and police brutality prevention, and restorative care for youth. Aaliyah was only 14 years old when she started Global Teen Activists, an intersectional youth-led organization committed to eradicating systemic injustices in schools and communities through advocacy and action. She noticed racist incidents in schools where her peers would not get justice and decided enough was enough. She strove to create a space where youth didn't have to ask for a seat at the table; it was already there for them.





OLUWATOMINI OLA dreammaker honoree

Oluwatomini Ola began her advocacy journey with the Ann Bancroft Foundation through the Dare to Dream grant. She utilized the grant to empower African immigrant girls through mental health literacy. She then received the Women's Foundation of Minnesota Innovators Program grant to continue her work in promoting mental health literacy and empowerment among girls and women. Simultaneously, she pursued academic excellence, earning a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology and nearing completion of a Master's degree in Public Health with a focus on Global Health Oluwatomini's relentless dedication extends beyond academia as she lends her voice to the Minnesota Young Women's Cabinet, championing women's rights and equality. Her tireless efforts embody a profound commitment to empowering individuals, especially young girls and women, through education and advocacy. In addition to her remarkable journey thus far, Oluwatomini harbors ambitious aspirations for the future. With a steadfast dedication to advancing community health, she envisions pursuing a Ph.D. in Community Health.



CLOIE STEVENS dreammaker honoree

Cloie Stevens is a young, innovative businesswoman. Her entrepreneurial journey started at 14 years old, when she decided to open a Cottage Food Licensed bakery at the farmer's market in her hometown of Marshall, Minnesota. As her customer base grew, so did Cloie's love for the business world. Shortly after her own business started, Cloie collaborated with a fellow youth business owner to create a youth-only vendor market within their community, coined the KindlMarkt. Since its inception, the KindlMarkt has tripled in size and now features upwards of 30 vendors as well as being a regionally supported event. Cloie was actively involved in many organizations throughout high school, including the CEO Program, where she served as the Chief Operating Officer of the class business and was tasked with creating a new business. Through an investment from the CEO Program and the generous help of an Ann Bancroft Foundation grant, Cloie was able to print and publish her own cookbook Gather: The Foods That Made Me. Currently, Cloie is a full-time student at the University of South Dakota, pursuing a business degree with the hopes of continuing to inspire and support other youth entrepreneurs.



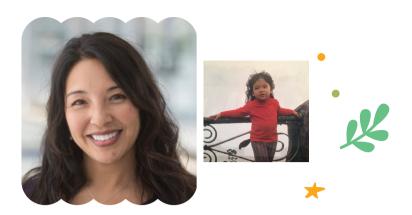


NAT VUONG annual event illustrator

Nat Vuong is a 16-year-old artist from Coon Rapids, Minnesota. They are a multi-media artist, working with drawing, sculpture, digital art, and more. In Fall 2023, Nat received a grant from the Ann Bancroft Foundation to purchase materials to create new art pieces, some of which they intend to sell at upcoming art fairs. They were previously featured in the SEA Us Write & Design art exhibition with the Hmong Girls' Circle, where they created the sculpture "Fibrous Fantasm." They dream of one day building a successful art business and being featured as a solo exhibitionist in art galleries.

Inspired by our theme of "The Cift of Cirlhood," Nat created the cover page illustration "Cirls in a Field." Two girls lie down in a luscious grass field looking at ants going in and out of an ant hill. They laugh and talk as they watch the ants feast. A few other bugs skitter about in the grass; some flowers can be seen amongst the grass. Dragonflies, which symbolize change, adaptation, and transformation, are also present.





DR. GIGI CHAWLA event co-chair



Gigi Chawla, MD, MHA, pediatrician, is Children's Minnesota's Chief of General Pediatrics. She received her medical degree and business degree from the University of Minnesota. In her professional role, she oversees primary care, rehabilitation services, and mental, developmental, and behavioral health, including developing an inpatient mental health pediatric unit and partial hospitalization mental health programs. The media often calls upon her for her pediatric expertise, and she is a regular contributor to the Minnesota Parent column and WCCO's segment "Ask the Pediatrician." Her clinical areas of interest are the outpatient and inpatient care of complex special needs patients, premature infants, and ventilator-dependent children. Dr. Chawla is also instrumental in advancing the organization's forward-looking efforts around community engagement.

LESSON TO MY YOUNGER SELF

"At a young age, I had a preconceived notion of what my path in life was going to be, and was often disappointed that it played out differently than I had expected. What I didn't realize at the time was that those twists and turns on the path were important and led to better things than I had ever anticipated in the first place."







JAMIE MILLARD event co-chair

Jamie is a compassionate leader who loves connecting people and solving creative problems. She has dedicated her 15+ years of leadership to shaping civic discourse in Minneapolis & St. Paul through fostering empathy, encouraging connection across differences, and inspiring meaningful action as the former Executive Director of the connection-driven and storvtelling platform Pollen Midwest. Currently, Jamie consults on the narrative and design strategies at Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. Jamie has been identified as a "40 Under 40" by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal and as a "100 People to Know" by the Twin Cities Business Magazine. Nationally, Jamie was recognized in the Huffington Post as one of four millennial leaders, "doing important work to move us toward a more just and equitable society." Jamie lives in Minneapolis and is a mother of three young daughters who teach her every day about the power of joy. She is passionate about multigenerational households, living a healthy life with rheumatoid arthritis, and motherhood.



LESSON TO MY YOUNGER SELF

"I'd go back and tell myself, 'play more.' I always felt a tension between wanting to escape into my imagination and play with what I felt were my responsibilities to overachieve. We grow up too fast and childhood is where we learn how to imagine, play, and find joy."

1. Two Nights Stay at Queen's View Bed & Breakfast in Bayfield, WI

Queen's View Bed & Breakfast is a 7-bedroom historic hilltop estate overlooking Lake Superior in Bayfield, WI, providing sweeping views of the Apostle Islands. Enjoy a two nights stay for 14 guests and indulge in breakfast prepared onsite, breathtaking views of Lake Superior, and complimentary wine and charcuterie for one afternoon. Unwind on the wrap-around porch, dip your feet in the heated plunge pool, and wander the exquisite gardens. You will also want to explore Bayfield, deemed one of "The 23 Best Places to Go In the U.S.," according to *Conde Nast Traveler*. **Donated by**: Queen's View Bed & Breakfast **Value**: \$4,850

2. A Suite Power Lunch with a Power Couple

You and a guest will enjoy an unforgettable lunch at Fhima's with Executive Director, Ethelind Kaba, and the Lynx Head Coach and President of Basketball Operations, Cheryl Reeve and Carley Knox. Hear from the Lynx leadership of the 4-Time WNBA Champions, the 3-Time WNBA Coach of the Year, the USAB Women's National Team/Olympic Coach, and the 2024 Twin Cities Pride Grand Marshall! Additionally, you and your friends will watch a 2024 regular season game in a 12-person suite with a \$500 food & beverage credit and an autographed basketball signed by the entire team.

Donated by: Carley Knox & Cheryl Reeve, Minnesota Timberwolves & Lynx, and David Fhima

Restrictions: Date of lunch and game to be mutually agreed upon. **Value**: Over \$20,000

3. Usher Concert with Dinner and Transportation

You and five friends will receive VIP treatment all evening long. You will be picked up at your home in a luxury BMW, driven to dinner at Spoon & Stable to enjoy a curated menu and wine by Chef Gavin Kaysen, before seeing Usher, 2024 Super Bowl headliner, perform at Target Center on Sunday, November 3rd from a partial suite.

Donated by: BMW of Minnetonka, Gavin Kaysen, and Target Center **Restrictions**: Pick up/Drop off location must be located in the Twin Cities metro area.

Value: \$3,700

4. Private Cooking Class with James Beard Nominee Chef Ahmed

Join James Beard-nominated Chef Ann Ahmed for a private cooking class at Khâluna with Founder, Ann Bancroft, and Executive Director, Ethelind Kaba. Sharpen your culinary skills with Chef Ahmed, owner of Minnesota's only restaurant to make the New York Times' 2023 list of America's 50 Best Restaurants, while savoring a three-course meal and perfectly paired wine for up to ten guests.

Donated by: Ann Ahmed **Restrictions**: Date to be mutually agreed upon. **Value**: \$1,800 for cooking class

5. Imagine Something Bigger Original Artwork from Todd Norsten

Original contemporary art created by Todd Norsten, renowned artist, specifically for the Ann Bancroft Foundation Annual Event. Todd is an internationally celebrated artist who lives and works in Minnesota. His extensive portfolio includes exhibitions in Federica Schiavo Gallery and Fondazione Giuliani in Rome; Dayton Art Institute in Ohio; Josée Bienvenu Gallery and Leo Koenig, Inc. in New York; the Walker Art Center and Minneapolis Institute of Art in Minnesota.

Donated by: Todd Norsten Value: \$2,000

6. Crooked Water Spirits Cocktail Tasting & Nosh

Heather Manley, owner and founder of Crooked Water Spirits, will welcome you and five guests to her home in Minnetrista for a unique cocktail tasting experience. You will sample award-winning craft spirits, enjoy delicious cheese boards, and savor a family-style meal all while overlooking protected waters and wildlife.

Donated by: Crooked Water Spirits **Restrictions**: Date to be mutually agreed upon. **Value**: \$2,500



50th and France A Bar of Their Own Allison Marie Design Amber Bergeson Amy & Matt Eppen Amy Bergstrom Andie Schrieffer Andv Steiner-Manning Ann Bancroft Anne Shaeffer Annie Huidekoper & Joanne Swanson Artserve Avant Hair & Cosmetics Bell Museum Bespoke Hair Artisans Block Portrait Studios Bluebird Broders Cafe Latte Carley Knox & Chervl Reeve Celeste of St. Paul Hotel + Bar Children's Theatre Company Chowairls Christina Hansen Cohen Coccinella Mediterranean Heritage Comma Book Store Cos Bar Crescent Farm Co. Dinkytown Athletes Doug Swanson Duluth Studio Market Edina Theatre Emagine Theater, Eagan Erin Zosel Equation Explore Edina Face Foundrie Faribault Woolen Mills Fired Up Studios Four Daughters Vineyard & Winery France 44 Fred and J Mutchler **GEAR Running Store** Golden Gopher Fund

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- Jennifer Lundblad Jeri Meola & Judy Osborne Lisa Brezonik Maribeth Romslo Maslon Michelle Hoff Mike Ruetz Milpha Blamo
- Peggy Callahan Robert Joslin Sara & Amy Kilian Sara Armstrong Sears Imported Autos Sunrise Banks

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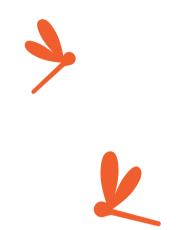
STAFF

Ethelind B. Kaba, Executive Director Amy Eppen, Development Director Armonni Martinez, Program Intern Grace Schreder, Operations Administrator Lauren Skar, Program Coordinator

EVENT COMMITTEE

2024

Dr. Gigi Chawla (Co-Chair) Jamie Millard (Co-Chair) Amy Eppen Caroline Correia Christina Hansen Cohen Ethelind B Kaba Grace Schreder Heather Noble JP Porter Julie Cohen Kate Pearce Leila Keita Luciano Patiño Maribeth Romslo Pamela Roemer Robert Radtke Sarah Erkkinen



"We want our girls to think about life down the road and what it is they want to do and how it is they want to be in the world. When a girl has confidence, everything is possible. Everything. And we can't even dream how big that possibility is for a girl. And that's the way it should be. For all of us."

ANN BANCROFT, FOUNDER

Our heartfelt thanks to each and every guest in attendance tonight – donors, sponsors, Board of Directors, current grantees and alumna, parents, activity partners, staff, volunteers, and more! Your enthusiasm and devotion to celebrating Minnesota girls with talents, gifts, and creativity deepens our resolve to advancing this important work. TOGETHER, we share the honor and privilege of uplifting girls from all corners of the state and ensuring they have ample resources to pursue their goals and dreams.



Tonight, in honor of Madeline, Aaliyah, Cloie, Oluwatomini, Nat or your favorite girl, we ask you to make a financial contribution using the QR code and "Donate."

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE ANN BANCROFT FOUNDATION:

- Check with your employer as many businesses provide **matching gifts** to nonprofit organizations. Double your impact!
- **Personal checks** made payable to the Ann Bancroft Foundation can be sent to: Ann Bancroft Foundation, 2356 University Ave. W., #404, St. Paul, MN 55114 and note "Annual Event" in the memo section.
- Set up a convenient **recurring monthly gift** providing a steady stream of revenue for grants and operations. To get started, go to: annbancroftfoundation.org and click on "Give Now."
- Commit to including the Ann Bancroft Foundation in your will, trust, or other estate-planning instrument. Legacy Society members designate a portion of their estate, either a percentage or a specific dollar amount, to the Ann Bancroft Foundation. Please contact Amy Eppen, Development Director at <u>AmyE@annbancroftfoundation.org</u> or 612-361-8191 if you are interested or have questions.

Thank you again for providing excellent, meaningful opportunities and resources for Ann Bancroft Foundation grantees that foster their confidence, provide avenues to uncover their passions, and time to pursue them.

SUPPORTING A GIRL TODAY STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE.

We envision a world in which all who identify as a girl have a chance to live their dreams and reach their full potential. We achieve our mission by providing grants, mentorship, and ongoing development opportunities to Kindergarten-12th grade girls in Minnesota.

Learn more at annbancroftfoundation.org.

