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GBCA HONORS KEVIN BROWN WITH INAUGURAL CULTURAL INNOVATOR AWARD DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating Dedication and Community Impact in Baltimore's Arts Community

BALTIMORE, MD – [The Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance \(GBCA\)](#) is thrilled to announce the recipient of its inaugural Cultural Innovator Award, Kevin Brown, Owner, and Head Chef of Nancy by SNAC. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and creativity in fostering the arts within the Baltimore community. In acknowledgment of his remarkable achievements, GBCA will honor Brown at a special Happy Hour Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Motor House Showroom located at 120 W. North Ave., Baltimore, MD 21201.

“We established the Cultural Innovator Award to shine a spotlight on individuals like Kevin Brown, whose passion and dedication have significantly enriched the artistic fabric of our community,” said Jeannie L. Howe, GBCA’s Executive Director. “Kevin has envisioned new possibilities, challenged conventional norms, brought fresh perspectives, and lovingly nourished so many in the arts and culture community.”

“Being recognized for something that you do every day, driven by passion, love of community and the spirit of connectivity, is truly appreciated,” said Brown. “Baltimore’s art scene continues to uplift me with its rich tapestry of colorful, diverse and authentic individuals who make all of our lives brighter and better.”

Brown, whose career spans over two decades, has made significant contributions to both the communications field and the arts community in Baltimore. A visionary and innovator, Brown has created a vital space in the Station North neighborhood, which gathers community, elevates artists, and cultivates joy. Welcoming customers from all walks of life, he has curated a public art and dining experience where art, objects, and food engage the senses and encourage guest-to-guest interactions. From art installations to book signings, Brown has thoughtfully established a home for creatives, many early in their career, and cemented Nancy by SNAC as a place to see and be seen in Baltimore.

Beyond his culinary success and profound impact on artists, Brown’s journey from the Market Planning Division at Baltimore Gas & Electric to pivotal roles within the City of Baltimore showcases his versatile

expertise. He served in communications for the Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts, Inc., and as public relations director for the New Metropolitan Theater Company. His voice has been a staple in Baltimore's cultural narrative, with editorial contributions to The Baltimore Sun, the Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper, and other local publications. Additionally, Brown is the founder of The National James Baldwin Literary Society. His dedication to the arts and community development reflects the spirit of the Cultural Innovator Award, honoring his lifetime of enriching Baltimore's cultural fabric.

The GBCA Happy Hour: Black History Month Celebration promises to be an evening of celebration and reflection, as attendees gather to honor Brown's extraordinary contributions to the arts. This event is open to all members of the community who wish to join in celebrating Brown's achievements and the rich cultural heritage of Baltimore.

For more information about the event and to RSVP, please visit www.baltimoreculture.org/innovatoraward.

About the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance

The Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance (GBCA) creates equity and opportunity In, Through, and For arts and culture in Greater Baltimore. With a focus on innovative marketing, targeted educational resources, and strategic financial support, GBCA serves as a catalyst for elevating arts and culture. Through groundbreaking initiatives, GBCA not only amplifies the voices of artists and cultural organizations but also champions equity and inclusion across the cultural sector and the broader community.

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