



Community Music School of Springfield hosts Spring Gala on April 27: Celebrating Motown, The Sound that Shaped America

SPRINGFIELD April 18, 2018-- Community Music School of Springfield will host its 2018 Spring Gala Friday April 27, 2018, 6:30-9:30 pm at Robyn Newhouse Hall at 127 State Street, Springfield to raise funds for financial aid and music scholarships. Complimentary valet parking will be available for guests at the State Street entrance. CMSS ranks among the top community music schools in the country in providing financial aid and scholarship in support of music education, which is made possible by funds raised through donations and community sponsorships. The Spring Gala is the single largest fundraising event of the year for CMSS. Sponsors for the 2018 CMSS Spring Gala include Baystate Health Systems, Pioneer Cold, St. Germain Investments, VertitechIT, Flowers, Flowers!, Clement Deliso, Deliso Financial Services, Diane Troderman, Florence Bank, MGM Springfield, Peerless Handcuff Company, Pellegrini, Seeley, Ryan and Blakesley, P.C., PeoplesBank, SMC Partners and United Personnel.

The theme of the 2018 CMSS Spring Gala is "Celebrating Motown, the Sound that Shaped America". The Magic of Motown, a nationally touring band featuring CMSS faculty member Rick Marshall, has delighted audiences from Los Angeles to Boston and will be the featured performers for the Community Music School Spring Gala. The band features music from the early days of Motown from such historic artists as Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, Four Tops, Martha and the Vandellas, and the Supremes. Magic of Motown will feature an 11 piece band, including 5 vocalists.

Exciting live and silent auction items that will be featured at the Spring Gala include tickets to the highly anticipated production of HAMILTON at the Bushnell, tickets to the Red Sox vs. White Sox game on June 9th, and a getaway week to Stratton Mountain, Vermont.

This year's recipient of the CMSS Community Partner Excellence Award is Northampton Community Music Center, led by Executive Director Jason Trotta. NCMC's support of an instrument donation drive for SPS/CMSS Partnership Program, Sonido Musica resulted in nearly a hundred donated instruments to CMSS' Play it Forward instrument campaign. Past recipients of the Community Excellence Award include Johnson Strings, Gerry's Music, philanthropist Michele D'Amour, and Julie Jaron, Director of Visual and Performing Arts for the Springfield Public Schools. CMSS Faculty Excellence Award recipient is Steve Moser, CMSS faculty member for over 20 years, manager of Robyn Newhouse Hall, director of CMSS' Charles Majid Greenlee Jazz Ensemble, and Production/Stage Manager for the MLK Day citywide celebration.

Grab your dancing shoes and join CMSS for a great night supporting a great cause: financial aid and musical scholarship for area children. To purchase tickets for Community Music School of Springfield's 2018 Spring Gala visit www.CommunityMusicSchool.com or call CMSS at 413-732-8428. Tickets are \$75 and proceeds will benefit CMSS financial aid and music scholarships for area children.
