

TBEY Arts Center

*Presents*



*EVENING OF MUSIC*  
**BENEFIT CONCERT**

*Celebrating TBEY Arts Center's  
25th Anniversary*

**Thursday, April 3rd, 2025**

## Executive Director

Contessa Cole (Lobley) is the Principal/CEO of **CC Consulting Group, LLC** and **Hey Puddin, LLC**, as well as the **Executive Director and Founder of TBEY Arts Center, Inc.**, a nonprofit dedicated to arts education and youth mentorship in Milwaukee. She founded TBEY at just 16 in response to arts program cuts in schools and has led it for over 24 years. Her story was featured on The TODAY Show with Hoda & Jenna in 2024. With extensive experience in community relations and arts administration, she has served on various boards, including **First Generation Professionals of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Dance Council**, and **The CR8TV House, Inc.** She has also consulted for Milwaukee's Eastside Business District and contributed to several arts and youth grant panels. Cole holds

a **master's degree in Cultural Foundations of Education** and a **Bachelor of Science in Community Education** with a business minor from the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**. She is an alumna of the **Village MKE Black Executive Leadership program** (2024), **Forward 48** (Spring 2022), and the **National Guild for Community Arts Education Leadership Intercultural Institute (CAELII 2016)**. Her accolades include being named a **2025 Wisconsin Titan100**, a **2025 BizTimes Notable BIPOC Executive**, a **2024 UNCF Milwaukee Mastermind**, and a **2022 Woman of Influence** by the **Milwaukee Business Journal**. Dedicated to mentorship and community impact, she has also taught nonprofit and entrepreneurship courses at **UWM** and **Milwaukee Public Schools Recreation Programs**.



## HOST



**Denise Thomas**

## DJ



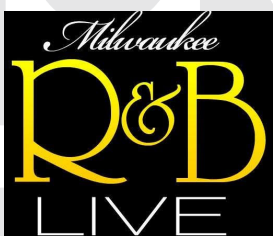
**DJ Gemini Gilly -Alice**

## POET



**Brit Nicole**

## Lena Cole PRESENTS:



**Local Artist**

## FEATURED PREFORMANCE



**Kindered The Family Soul**

## PAINTER



**Zakia Wells**

# Event Program

Welcome  
Opening Performance  
Why TBEY  
Artist Award - Dance Tribute (Frank Gatson)

Artist Award

Introduction of Impact Video  
Artist Award  
Artist Award - Musical Tribute (Shon Hinton)  
Local Artist Performance

Artist Award  
Live Art & Auction Acknowledgment  
Intermission - 15 Minutes

Artist Award  
Artist Award & Video Presentation

Featured Performance  
Silent Auction Winners  
Closing Remarks

TBEY Board Member, Krystal Reed  
Spoken Word by Brit Nicole  
Presented by Chauntel McKenzie  
Performed by TBEY's Dance Team and local dance artist  
*Choreographed by Chancie Crump-Cole  
and solo choreographed and performed by  
Desmond Cotton*

Josie Thompson  
Chancie Crump-Cole  
Desmond Cotton

Presented by Denise Thomas  
Dimonte Henning  
Shon Hinton  
Performed by Milwaukee R&B Live  
*Singers: Elle Renee, Alexis Oliphant, J'Mika  
Deshazer, Brian Demetri, TJ Jeanes, Jonas Jones  
Band: D Will Williams, Dontae Gillespie, Eric Lock,  
David James, Maurice Harmon*

Nehemiah Edwards  
Presented by Denise  
DJ Gemini Gilly

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Kelly Kellz  
Jacob Latimore

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Denise Thomas  
Contessa Cole

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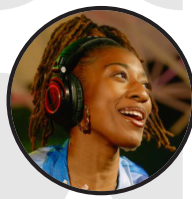
## Honored Artists



Chancie Crump-Cole



Nehemiah Edwards



DJ Gemini Gilly -Alice



Josie Thompson



Dr. Kantara Souffrant



Kelly Kellz



Dimonte Henning



Shonn Hinton



Frank Gatson



Desmond Cotton



Jacob Latimore

## How You Can Help



Thank you for joining us for StarGazed: An Evening of Music! Tonight is more than just a concert—it is a celebration of creativity, community, and the power of the arts to transform lives. As TBEY Arts Center marks 25 years of empowering young artists, your presence and support mean the world to us.

For 25 years, TBEY has been a safe haven for young creatives, providing access to the arts, mentorship, and opportunities that inspire confidence and growth. Your generosity helps us continue this mission, ensuring that the next generation of artists, musicians, and visionaries have the resources they need to shine.

We invite you to stay connected, get involved, and continue supporting the arts. Whether through a donation, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our work, your support makes all the difference. Visit [www.tbey.org](http://www.tbey.org) to learn more about how you can be a part of our journey.

***25 Years of Impact! Celebrate with us by donating \$25 or \$250 in honor of TBEY's 25th anniversary. Your support helps shape the next generation of artists!***

Text "TBEYCenter" to 53555

With gratitude,

**Tessa**



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