



## OAKLAND'S LARGEST CIVIC AND CULTURAL EVENT HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., RETURNS FOR ITS 21<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY

OAKLAND'S PARAMOUNT THEATRE  
January 18, 2025 | 6PM Doors | 7PM Show

Tickets available now!

OAKLAND, CA | January 9, 2024—*In the Name of Love*, a powerful celebration of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**'s vision and legacy through the iconic music of **Aretha Franklin**. Living Jazz presents this showcase in partnership with **SFJAZZ** as Oakland's largest civic and cultural event, returning to the historic Paramount Theatre for its 21st anniversary on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**.

This celebration of MLK's legacy takes place the same weekend of the Presidential Inauguration. During a time of division, *In the Name of Love* delivers a message of unity, a celebration of the uplifting communities of color, and features strong black and brown talent throughout the evening.

**Music Director [Kev Choice](#)** leads a Bay Area rooted lineup featuring talents like America's Got Talent finalist [Dee Dee Simon](#), [Marusya Madubuko](#) (Alonzo King LINES Ballet), [Chika Di](#) (featured on HBO's *Euphoria*), [SōLauren](#) (EMMY Winning Artist), [Destiny Muhammad](#) (ASCAP Songwriter Awardee), [Sundra Manning](#) (Grammy-nominated Pianist), [Terrence Brewer](#) (SF Weekly "Best Jazz Artist" Award), [Maya Raveneau-Bey](#) (2024 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Finalist), [Howard Wiley](#) and Band (SFJAZZ Artist in Residence), and the [Awesome Orchestra Collective](#). Experience original arrangements and performances by the [SFJAZZ High School All-Stars & Alumni](#), [Oaktown Jazz Workshops](#), [Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir](#) Ensemble, and the 200 member [Living Jazz Children's Project Choir](#) led by [Bryan Dyer](#). Living Jazz in partnership with the City of Oakland will also be presenting the 2025 Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award to [Andrew Park](#), Executive Director of [Trybe](#) for his work in uplifting the strengths, needs, and voices of residents of Oakland's San Antonio, Clinton, and Little Saigon neighborhoods for over two decades. This year, Congresswoman and Oakland Mayoral Candidate, [Barbara Lee](#) will be presenting this prestigious award.

*"Andrew Park is one of the Department of Violence Prevention's most important community partners in bringing violence interruption, conflict mediation support, and healing services to neighborhoods in Central Oakland."*

- Mailee Wang, Deputy Chief Administrator, Department of Violence Prevention, City of Oakland

Last year's sold out event was a soul-nourishing tribute to Oakland's artistic community, and this year promises to be even more unforgettable. Respect the legacy and witness the rising talent of the Bay Area as we come together in celebration. **Hosted by [RyanNicole](#)**, this is an evening you won't want to miss!

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#### **TICKET INFORMATION:**

Tickets for *In the Name of Love* are available now at <https://www.livingjazz.org/mlk-tribute>

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#### **ABOUT LIVING JAZZ**

Living Jazz Transforms Lives—through the music, spirit, and culture of jazz in the Bay Area community, by educating students and artists of all ages and abilities.

The programs of Living Jazz are known not only for their artistic quality, but also for their commitment to build community based on diversity, inclusion and accessibility; the distinctive way in which they encourage and support artists of all skill levels; and the artistic and personal growth they foster in participants of all ages.

Living Jazz has developed a reputation for designing and launching programs that go on to become Bay Area treasures, as well as for incubating programs to the point of maturity at which time they successfully spin off to stand on their own, and continue to develop and grow independently.

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*In the Name of Love* Media Toolkit: [Click Here](#)

#### **CALENDAR LISTING INFORMATION:**

***In the Name of Love: MLK Tribute feat. the Music of Aretha Franklin*** | Saturday, January 18, 2025 | 6PM PST  
Doors | 7PM PST Show | Paramount Theatre: [2025 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612](#) | [ADA Accessible](#) | All Ages | Tickets Start at \$10