



2ND ANNUAL
EMERGE
REFUGEE BENEFIT

MASQUERADE BALL

06.20.2023 • HOUSTON, TX



e·merge • /ə'mərj/ • verb

**move out of or away from something
and come into view.**

ABOUT EMERGE

SEBAS Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide refugees tools such as safe space, financial assistance, job placement, mentorships and community resources. Emerge is an event to celebrate the emergence of refugees in their adopted countries. Displaced people face a great deal of challenges in order to integrate in a new country, understand cultural nuances, navigate social-economic norms, earn a living, become self-reliable, and positive contributors to the overall success of the adoptive country.

Our objective is to highlight the extraordinary success stories by refugees in hope to inspire others. Most of the refugees are displaced or exposed to danger by tragedies including, but not limited to war, ethnic cleansing, political persecution, and other man-made and natural disasters. It is worth celebrating when they emerge from a past of persecution and have a real chance to work for a future...and capitalize on it.



ABOUT THE EVENT

The 2nd Annual Emerge Refugee Benefit will be held on June 20, 2023. The event will feature a masquerade ball and will be hosted at the prestigious Mejestic Metro. The ball includes an art exhibition/auction of paintings. Celebrity artists, Ange Hillz and Chukwunonso Ofili will mesmerize with live painting exhibitions. Live music will feature pianist Angela Nickel.

The 2nd Annual Emerge Award will be presented. The award is given to a recipient who embodies the “Emerge” spirit; a refugee or migrant who has captured the American spirit. Someone who has demonstrated the ability to adapt, hardworking, and a success in his/her field of work; someone who can inspire others. A **Non-Profit of The Year Award** will be awarded to **The Refugee Services of Texas** - an agency dedicated to welcome refugees, asyless, survivors of trafficking, and other displaced peoples.

Proceeds from the event will benefit refugee families in the greaterHoustonarea via local 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit organizations. This year we are teaming up with **Refugee Services of Texas** in our quest to provide assistance to refugee families. **Proceeds from this year’s event will fund the purchase of an automobile for a refugee family in need.** Any additional raised funds will be donated to our local 501(c)(3) non profit partner Refugee Services of Texas.



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Founded in 1978, Refugee Services of Texas (RST) is a social-service agency dedicated to providing assistance to refugees and other displaced persons fleeing persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group - as well as to the communities that welcome them. RST provides services to hundreds of refugees, asylees, survivors of human trafficking, and related vulnerable populations from over 30 different countries of origin each year.

Originating in Dallas, RST now has service centers in Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, the Rio Grande Valley, and San Antonio.

Mission

Guided by the principles of human compassion and dignity, Refugee Services of Texas welcomes refugees, immigrants, and other displaced peoples and supports them in integrating and thriving in their new communities.

Refugee Services of Texas serves refugees, asylees, individuals with Special Immigrant Visas, Cuban-Haitian entrants, Central American minors, survivors of human trafficking, and other vulnerable populations. In addition, RST works to facilitate partnerships with host communities to build a welcoming environment.

PROGRAM



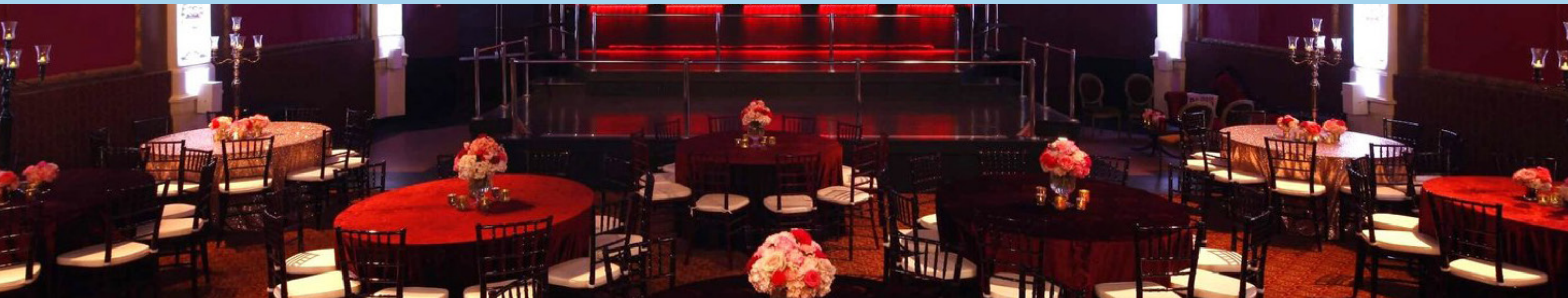
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Guest Check-In <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Introduction, Live Entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner - 1st course
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Guest Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner - 2nd course • Auction
9:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Award Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dessert - 3rd course

MAJESTIC METRO



911 Preston St
Houston, TX, 77002

For over 30 years Houston's Majestic Metro has been the venue of choice for hosting Houston's most memorable events. From its stunningly restored classic historic interior architecture to the addition of its modern amenities, the Majestic Metro is truly a distinctive one of a kind special place.



EMERGE 2022



SPEAKERS
& HONOREES

HONOREE: DR. GOLI ANDI

Founder - One Education One World. Educator • Researcher • Visionary

An educator, researcher and a visionary, Dr. Nogol Andishehjoos has spent the past ten years of her life serving children and youth from underserved communities. Her journey began in 2001 when she left her home town as a religious refugee with her family in hope of a better future. In Iran, Bahai's like her family are treated as second class citizens and are even prosecuted. For many children challenges and struggles can be paralyzing, but for her it created a reason for growth, inner strengths, and compassion.

Growing up in a family who emphasized service and community building, Dr. Goli was instilled at a young age with a resolve to be a problem solver; an attitude she has carried throughout her educational journey. It's the inspiration behind her becoming a medium through which children of struggling backgrounds could reach their potential. After receiving her Masters degree she began working as a teacher with a disadvantaged population of students in high school. Biology became the best excuse to help students reach their personal and academic potential.

Her passion lies in using her classroom as a medium to connect with students and learn their stories. As an expert in adolescence, she has dedicated her life not only to her students but children around the world who have been denied basic rights to education.

While receiving her Doctoral degree, Dr. Andishehjoos travelled to far corners of the earth to help other struggling children receive an education. Through these efforts, her organization (501c3), One Education One World was born and now with a few schools and centers, she and her team are serving over 400 refugee children, children of war, and working children around the world.

With a keen sense of justice, her students and all other children who have crossed her path, fuel her passion to continue to impact the lives of children around the world.



FEMI OJETUNDE

Multi-platinum Grammy Award-winning music producer, composer and songwriter

Femi Ojetunde, is a multi-platinum Grammy Award-winning music producer, composer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, entrepreneur, and CEO of Femdouble Entertainment Group. As the architect of the AfromonicMusic genre, his professional career spans over three decades with over 2000 songs produced across genres including Rap/Hip Hop, R&B, Pop, Afrobeats& Indigenous African Orchestration. His accomplishments span across the global entertainment industry, with notable works in music, movies, and television.

His music career started in his home country of Nigeria, where he quickly rose to the top of the Nigerian Music Industry through his ingenuity, musicality, & songwriting abilities.

His talents soon attracted some of the most renowned artists in Nigeria including King Sunny Ade, 2baba, OnyekaOnwenu, Tina "African Oyinbo" Onwudiwe, Sirhina Peters, Oliver De Coque, Charlie Boy, Sunny Nneji, Dele Taiwo, Mike Okri& a host of many others. At the age of 20, Femi was the youngest person to be awarded one of Nigeria's highest music honors "The Fame Music Producer of the Year".

At the pinnacle of his Nigerian music career, Femi migrated to the United States intending to further develop his craft and sharpen his skills in production. While in the US, it wasn't long before his adept talent was discovered by Leila Steinberg, best known as the artist mentor and first manager for superstar rapper Tupac Shakur. Leila managed Femi which later led to an introduction to legendary veteran music producer Quincy Jones. Femi is currently teaching, mentoring and developing Pop, R&B, Hip-hop, and Gospel acts for his production company, MAJOR PARADIGM Inc.

Femi Ojetunde has worked with many renowned artists/creatives, including but not limited to; Quincy Jones, Quincy Jones III, Tupac Shakur, T-Pain, E-40, Cee-lo Green, Jennifer Hudson, Ginuwine, TQ, Krayzie Bone, Tech N9ne, Juvenile, and Debbie Gibson; most recently working on projects with Chandler Moore (Maverick City Music), Tony Williams, & Nigerian high life artist Flavour.

His work with Tupac Shakur is now featured in the "Tupac Shakur: Wake Me When I'm Free" museum experience at L.A. Live Entertainment Complex in downtown L.A.



FABRICE KOMBO

Owner of Kombo Enterprises

Fabrice Kombo was born in a small diamond mining community located in Mbuji-Mayi, in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). He came to the United States as a refugee as a teenager during politically motivated civil unrest and a coup by rebel forces in the late nineties after former President Mobutu Sese Seko was ousted. Fabrice survived a tumultuous and dangerous time in his homeland but managed to achieve a great deal of success with the support of community organizations like the Village Exchange Center and individuals who invested in his development into the business leader he is today.

Fabrice founded Kombo Enterprises in 2007 and began his career as an independent broker in aviation sales and acquisitions. After noticing a lack of diversity in the

industry, Fabrice began mentoring young African American men and women to enter the field from pilots to aircraft sales.

In addition to aviation, Fabrice is the CEO of Flow Records Denver, Founder and CEO of Kagricol an agricultural co-op that produces cassava leaves, a vegetarian staple in the diaspora, and opened offices in Colorado, South Africa and the DRC for Kombo Jets, creating jobs and opportunities in the African diaspora and in BIPOC communities in the U.S. Fabrice is a husband, father, a true son of Africa and product of the American dream.



RUDY MUTOMBO

Business Owner • Investor • Author • Philanthropist

Rudy Mutombo, a first-generation immigrant born in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, moved to Dallas with his family at the age of 17.

Once settled in the United States, Mr. Mutombo earned his bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Texas in Arlington. His education paved the way for his entrepreneurial ventures. As a child, he always envisioned a future that would impact and inspire other people's lives with the fruit of his labor.

Founder of Mutombo International Inc, a Texas-based corporation with multiple subsidiaries. The organization seeks to strengthen the integration of the African Diaspora in Texas and across the nation through partnerships, mentoring, collaborations, and sponsorship.

Established more than 15 years ago, the company is one of the few long-lasting African-owned companies in the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. Active in multiple industries locally and internationally, the company's notable businesses are in the fields of Finance, Accounting, Education, Health Care, Transportation, Beauty, Tourism, Business Consulting, Mining, Construction, and Agri-Food.

In December 2017, Rudy was honored as a "Unique Global Influencer" by the Edge Leader's Magazine (a publication that celebrates business & entrepreneurial success stories).

Rudy released his first book, entitled "Millionaire's Mind: 9 Steps to Your Million-Dollar Business," where he explains 9 simple steps that you can use to build your million-dollar enterprise based on biblical principles.



ANGELA NICHOLS

Singer/Performer

Angela Nichols is an Asian-American singer with pentecostal gospel roots from Jackson, Mississippi. Her musical influences include Etta James, Tina Turner, and Alicia Keys.

Angela and Vincent Powell released their debut music video, “Don’t Count Me Out” in 2021. an inspirational song dedicated to brain aneurysm survivors for the Joe Niekro Foundation. The message was also a call to elevate the survival spirit; we are all survivors in life and to never give up.

Her first new single and personal journey “Wings” will be released in early 2023.

Angela’s other passion is rescuing animals in her spare time. She owns six dogs with husband John Bo Nichols and, together, they recently founded a non-profit animal rescue, Furever Ark. Their goal is to raise funds for relief missions for animals in need of shelter, neuter/spay, training and adoption. Her first new single and personal journey “Wings” will be released in early 2023.



ANGE HILLZ

Celebrity Artist

Ange is a seasoned celebrity artist based out of the Houston, Texas area. He has been painting for the majority of his life. His ability to convey his emotions and thoughts through the use of paint and canvas is impeccable. His painting of George Floyd was featured as cover for Time Magazine's May 2021 issue with story titled "Justice - Not Yet For All" by Janel Ross (Sr. Correspondent - Time Magazine). This is just one of many works by Hillz that makes him one of the most sought after artists today.

Ange grew up in Rwanda where, as a young man, he watched his older brother create beautiful artwork. From then on, Ange wanted to be just like his big

brother. Coming to The United States allowed him to pursue his love for the arts. He continued working to develop his craft. He is a very diverse artist, ranging from surrealism, speed painting as well as pop art. It is through the development of his gift to create vibrant colorful masterpieces that Ange has conquered his different styles of painting and has produced his current collection of bright and engaging masterpieces.



CHUKWUNONSO OFILI

Artist and Entertainer

Chukwunonso Ofili is a graduate of the University of Houston where he majored in product design. He is currently an artist and an entertainer based out of Houston, Texas. Over the past 7 years he has worked with a myriad of mediums including, but not limited to videography, drawing, traditional painting and murals.

Mr. Ofili is the founder and owner of Ofilidesigns Arts which is centered around illustrating images of Afrocentric subject matter. He also focuses on art forms that provides comedic relief. Mr. Ofili the CEO of Wahala clothing and Co-owner of WowoBoyz Entertainment.

in 2018, Mr. Ofili participated in the Bakanal de Afrique art residency in Oakland California.

In the past 4 years he has hosted 4 solo shows as part of his art series called Ofiliated Art Exhibitions; he serves as both curator and host of the exhibits.

In 2020 he helped push the campaign for Biden by painting a mural in Houston 5th Ward for Truxton company. He also painted a mural depicting immigration and detention camps for the FAMILIES BELONG TOGETHER campaign.

Mr. Ofili's artwork can be found all over Houston and in many establishments across Texas. He aims to showcase the relevance, progressiveness, and originality of African visual arts. Apart from sharing his heritage artistcally, he also aspires to bring awareness and inspiration to up-and-coming artists.



EVENT MC: MELISSA RICCI

Global Impact Show • Producer/Host

Producers Guild of America Award Winner-Melissa is currently producer and co-host of Global Impact, a current affairs show that connects the dots so you don't have to.

Based in LA, Melissa worked as a Hollywood entertainment host for the '3 Minute Update' as well as produced and acted in several US Films and TV productions. She is very passionate about creating awareness on global issues, giving a voice to the voiceless and helping causes close to her heart.



PLATINUM \$10,000	GOLD \$5,000	BRONZE \$2,500
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1 Company Sponsored Table - 8 seats/table. Tables titled with sponsor's name. Special Liquor bottles for table of 8 • Special Event Gift for 8 • Vip Reserved table of 8 with front row seating	8 seats • Premier row seating from stage • Opportunity to provide company marketing material on all tables	8 seats for you and your guests
Ad feature on projector screen during live event - viewed by entire audience	Ad feature on projector screen during live event - viewed by entire audience	Ad feature on projector screen during live event - viewed by entire audience
3 Sponsor posts on instagram for 7 days(each post of your choice on page with 353k followers)	1 Sponsor post on instagram for 7 days	
Opportunity to provide company Marketing material on all tables • Mention in local and National press release		
Access to Event guest list - Up to 250 people		

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