



Dear friends,

We are thrilled to announce that our 2022 Gala Honoree is the talented and trailblazing actor and producer, Gina Torres!

Come celebrate with us at our 8th annual gala on Thursday, December 8th from 6 pm - 10 pm (EST) at <u>74Wythe</u>, Brooklyn. It will be one of the most meaningful and exciting evenings of the year as we mark the growth and evolution of Girl Be Heard and our Company Members and participants.

All funds raised from the gala will go towards our free year-round programming that inspires girls and young women across the city and around the world to stand tall, speak out, and BE HEARD!

Make a difference in the lives of girls and young women in New York City and beyond by purchasing gala tickets or donating today at <u>girlbeheard.org/gala-2022</u>.

We can't wait to see you!

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2022 GALA HONOREE: Gina Torres

Gina Torres has spent the past thirty years establishing herself as a force to be reckoned with, both on and off the screen.

With her fan-favorite character of Jessica Pearson on USA Network's hit original series "Suits," Torres broke boundaries when, in 2019, she became the first Afro-Latina to create, star in and produce a TV series, "Pearson," which saw Jessica take on the world of Chicago politics. The role was a life changing one, earning Torres an ALMA Award, an Imagen Award (as well as multiple additional Imagen nominations), and the National Hispanic Media Coalition's Award for Outstanding Performance in a Television Series and the Visionary Award from the LA Femme Film Festival.

Currently, Torres can be seen on FOX's "9-1-1: Lone Star," portraying paramedic captain Tommy Vega, who answered a call to action and returned to work amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. In November 2022, Torres will receive the Actress Award for Television at the 2nd Annual Critic's Choice Celebration of Latino Cinema & Television for her role on the series. The show will return for a fourth season in January 2023.

Torres is accustomed to playing influential women on screen, and translates that responsibility into her personal life. A trailblazer in her own right, Torres speaks often on the importance of diversity and inclusivity in the media, and uses her free time to mentor up and coming Latinx and Afro-Latinx talent.

Want to know more about Gina Torres?

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