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## 9 Chicago Legends for Special Honors at 41<sup>st</sup> Chicago Music Awards Sept 30th at Harold Washington Cultural Center.

**Celebrating 50 years of Hip Hop and a Chicago-style Stepper's Tribute/Dance Party in honor of the late Cha Cha Slide Creator, Mr. C.**

Chicago, September 8<sup>th</sup> –

**Martin's International producer for The Chicago Music Awards (CMA)**, the only event that honors Chicagoland entertainers in all music genres, has announced its iconic Humanitarian and Lifetime legends for its 41<sup>st</sup> celebration of musical excellence.

The Awards and achievers are:

\* Chicago founder, Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Humanitarian/Industry Service Award - **Hon. Toni Preckwinkle**, Cook County Board President, and Ms. Merry Green, President/CEO of MGPG Events, Inc., and the Black Women's Expo.

\* **Special Lifetime Achievement Award for over 40 Years of Contributions to the Music Industry –**  
**Misters Ezell and Pierre Cooper**, Coops Records/WVON 1690 Am/VONTV, **Tracee "Sexy" Adams**, 45 Years of the Blues, and **Ramonski Luv**, Radio personality and popular Emcee.

\***The Hon. Marcus Mosiah Garvey History and Education Lifetime Award - Rev. Dr. Janette Wilson, Esq. – Sr. Advisor to Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., National Director of Education for PUSH Excel the Educational Component of Rainbow PUSH, and Chief Dr. Quinton Tamba Taylor De'alexander**, Designer and Founder/CEO of We Dream in Color, Inc.

\***Special Martin's International Foundation's Special Award of Honor – Mr. Jessie Nolen**, well known events staging and production manager, over 40 years, and **Mr. Vernon Lloyd**, Founder of the Music Box Foundation, more than 45 years of contributions to the entertainment industry.

The star-studded red carpet arrival time is 6pm for the glittering affair taking place on Saturday, September 30th, 2023, in the historic musical district of the South Side at the Harold Washington Cultural Center, 4701 South Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, Illinois in the Hyde Park/Bronzeville community.

CMA 2023 highlights will include a celebration of 50 Years of Hip-Hop, and a **Chicago-style Stepper's Dance party Tribute** to the late **Willie "Casper" Perry** who created the internationally famous **"Cha Cha Slide."**

Among the DJs for the Hip Hop Salute and Steppers Tribute dance party are DJ Malik Shabazz, DJ Sam Chatman, DJ E.T. Taylor, DJ Vell, DJ Cross and DJ Lady Love, DJ Chip, DJ Tynman, Blaq Ice, DJ Jamal Smallz and others.

The 41<sup>st</sup> CMA will be hosted by Veteran Radio Personality/Emcee, Ramonski Luv, and Comedian, Lady Luncha Bell. A galaxy of entertainers in various music genres from pop to reggae, blues to R&B, Afrobeat, Hip Hop to Gospel, Spoken Word and other genres will be performing live on Stage.

Special tickets Promo: For a limited number and limited time, music lovers and fans can get up to 50% off early tickets, VIP \$150, plus one extra VIP ticket free. General admission \$60 now \$41 (prices subject to change without notice), available at [www.chicagomusicawards.org](http://www.chicagomusicawards.org) and at Eventbrite click here <https://www.eventbrite.com/manage/events/474963938927/tickets>, Also, voting to select the winners in all the nominated categories is in progress on the site. #Chicagomusicawards, #CMA, #Nominees,

The CMA would not be possible without the support and dedication of civic and public officials, and industry leaders who embody CMA's mission of promoting and celebrating talented artists and entertainers from the Chicago area. Such ambassadors are chosen for their unique contributions to the artistic and cultural identity of Chicago.

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