

## Worldwide Superstar Rapper Macklemore to Headline Entertainment at Inaugural Fight For Children Honors

Multi-platinum Grammy Award-winning rapper **MACKLEMORE** will headline the entertainment at the star-studded [Fight For Children Honors](#) Gala on Thursday, May 19 at The Anthem in Washington D.C. The global star made history as an independent artist with a combination of commercial success, critical acclaim, and international appeal. He has performed at sold-out shows and won four GRAMMY Awards including for Best Rap Song, Best Album, Best Song, and Best Music Video. Throughout his two-decade mega career, Macklemore has accumulated over 12 billion audio streams and 3 billion video views.

After 30 years and more than \$70 million raised, longtime DC based non-profit Fight For Children retired Fight Night, in November 2019. Fight For Children Honors is the new hallmark event for the organization and one of the most sought after events in the region. This gala will draw the most influential names from the DC area, and 100% of proceeds from Fight For Children Honors will support programming to benefit youth in underserved communities throughout the region.

Described as “Fight Night meets The Kennedy Center Honors,” business and community leaders, athletes and celebrities will come together to celebrate those who have leveraged the power of sports for positive social impact in an evening of entertainment, camaraderie, and fun. NBA superstar and philanthropist **Kevin Durant**, entrepreneur and humanitarian **Sheila Johnson**, trailblazer for women in sports media **Christine Brennan** and the late Georgetown men’s basketball coach **John Thompson Jr.** are those individuals being recognized for their social impact and inspiring actions.

A renowned philanthropist and advocate for youth, Macklemore is also founder of The Residency, a non-profit that seeks to build a powerful community of young hip-hop artists equipped with the artistic and leadership skills, business acumen, and mentorship necessary to become professional artists and cultural change makers. Through participation in The Residency, young artists from low-income families acquire tangible artistic and professional skills while also gaining confidence, teamwork, and a deepened understanding of their own identity and power.

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### About Fight For Children

Fight For Children (FFC) was founded in 1990 by the late Joseph E. Robert Jr. to improve the lives of children in the nation’s capital. FFC has impacted the lives of more than 400,000 children through improvements in healthcare, education and policy. FFC’s mission is to help individuals, organizations, and communities leverage the power of sports to improve the lives of underserved youth. FFC achieves this through the [Fight For Children Youth Development Institute](#), the region’s first and only sports-based youth development collaborative, and the [Fight For Children Sports Medicine Center at Children’s National](#), the region’s first and only pediatric sports medicine facility. For information visit [www.fightforchildren.org](http://www.fightforchildren.org).