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THEATER LEADERS: Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser was honored with the third annual Beth Newburger Schwartz Award at Arena Stage's annual gala, an evening that included a concert from the funny and talented country music singer Mary McBride, a three-course dinner and tap dancing by emcee Maurice Hines. Trustees Lavern Chatman and Maggie FitzPatrick chaired the event that also honored Jessica Stafford Davis with the Emerging Leader award. In addition to its repertoire of powerful, politically relevant plays, Arena Stage's also serves more than 20,000 students and artists annually through its community engagement programs.

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