



Metro Justice

ANNUAL DINNER



May 9, 2026

Schedule of Events

5:00 Doors Open

5:45 Dinner Begins

6:15 President's Welcome and Donor Recognition
Luis Torres

6:20 Organizer's Remarks
Carlton Huff

7:05 Keynote Speaker's Address
Brandon Mancilla

7:30 Fundraiser's Remarks
George Elkind

7:35 Awards Presentation

8:10 Auction Closes, Raffle Winner Announced,
Closing Remarks

8:30 End of Evening





2026 Featured Speaker

Brandon Mancilla

Born in New York City to a working-class immigrant family, Brandon Mancilla's lifelong engagement with building worker power has seen him spearhead a successful graduate organizing drive at UAW Local 5118 (the Harvard Graduate Students Union), where he served as President of the Local and worked as an organizing staffer while balancing duties as a teaching and research assistant. He also spent time as a staff organizer at UAW Local 2325 (Association of Legal Aid Attorneys) in New York before winning election to his present role as Director of UAW Region 9A in 2022, after which the Local offered an early endorsement in the Democratic primary for Zohran Mamdani's mayoral campaign.

Given his ability to address pathways to successful day-to-day organizing as well as the broader role of organized labor in creating social and material change, we felt that Brandon Mancilla would be an ideal speaker for anyone invested in building power in the present moment — and in using it to win a more equitable world.



2026 Honorees

**Lifetime Achievement in
Organizing:**

Gail Mott

**Path Makers Award
(for New Organizing):**

*Rochester Union of Nurses
& Allied Professionals*

Solidarity in Action:

*Rochester Rapid
Response Network*

Integrity in Leadership:

Stanley Martin
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TO JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY.
YOUR WORK INSPIRES US ALL!**

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Veterans For Peace

Chapter 23 Rochester NY

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Justice in
the Struggle
for Peace,
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Dedicated. Caring. Committed.

The members of the Federation are extremely proud of their long history of supporting the tireless efforts of Metro Justice to fight social, racial, and economic injustice.

We are especially grateful to our own FSW members who have served in leadership positions at Metro Justice over the years. FSW Organizing Chair Jillian Evans currently serves on the Metro Justice Council. Thank you for your contributions
Jillian!

FSW-union.org

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from spreading panic to
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Revolutionary change does not come in one
cataclysmic moment (beware of such moments!)
but as an endless succession of surprises, moving
zig-zag toward a more decent society.

We don't have to engage in grand, heroic actions to
participate in the process of change.

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people,
can transform the world.

-Howard Zinn

In loving memory of Peter Mott by his family

IUPAT DISTRICT COUNCIL 4

SUPPORTS AND CELEBRATES OUR FRIENDS AT
METRO JUSTICE
AND THEIR EFFORTS TO SEEK A BETTER,
**MORE JUST WORLD, FREE OF
ECONOMIC, RACIAL, AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE.**



**"IF THERE IS NO STRUGGLE, THERE IS NO PROGRESS.
THOSE WHO PROFESS TO FAVOR FREEDOM, AND YET DEPRECATE REVOLUTION,
ARE MEN WHO WANT CROPS WITHOUT PLOWING UP THE GROUND.
THEY WANT RAIN WITHOUT THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.
THEY WANT THE OCEAN WITHOUT THE AWFUL ROAR OF ITS MANY WATERS.
THIS STRUGGLE MAY BE A MORAL ONE; OR IT MAY BE A PHYSICAL ONE; OR IT MAY BE BOTH MORAL AND PHYSICAL.**

**BUT IT MUST BE A STRUGGLE.
POWER CONCEDES NOTHING WITHOUT A DEMAND.
IT NEVER DID AND IT NEVER WILL."** - FREDERICK DOUGLASS.



Citizen Action of New York celebrates another year of Metro Justice's essential work in Rochester, and their continued commitment to further social, economic, and racial justice.

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OF NEW YORK

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We're proud to stand alongside our allies at Metro Justice as we fight together to make the Rochester community a better, fairer place.

We look forward to fighting together over the year ahead.

Amalgamated Transit Union
Local 282
John Trott, President

"Do not mistreat foreigners living in your country. Treat them just as you treat your own citizens. Love foreigners as you love yourselves, because you were foreigners one time."
[Leviticus 19:33-34]

**Hail to Metro-Justice,
faithfully observing this
teaching since 500 BCE!**

**Rev. Jim Renfrew
Robin Dunnington
Clarendon, New York**

**The Workers Assembly of
Rochester is proud to support
Metro Justice.**

**To beat the fascists and build an
economy and democracy that
works for all people an alliance
of community groups and class
struggle unionists is our best
hope. ¡No pasarán!**



**Workers Assembly
of Rochester**

**To learn more and attend Rust Belt Rising:
WorkersAssemblyRoc.org**

THANK YOU, *Metro Justice*

Thank you for your hard work fighting for social, economic, and racial justice. It is a pleasure to work alongside you to help our community thrive.



ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARRY B. BRONSON



@HarryBBronson

With Liberty and Justice

FOR ALL!

The New York State Public Employees Federation congratulates Metro Justice for another year of standing with organized labor on behalf of workers' rights. There is true power in shared struggle and on behalf of the 60,000 professionals we represent across the State, we are proud to fight with you for economic, social and racial justice for all.



Wayne Spence
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LOCATION: Crosswalk on Elmwood Avenue, between River Campus & URMC

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Metro Justice Annual Dinner 2026

May 9th, 2026

For Metro Justice's continued mission to uplift the community of Rochester, NY.

A Good Farmer Written by Sharyn Rothstein

SET IN ELBA, N.Y., TWO WOMEN—A FARM OWNER AND AN UNDOCUMENTED MEXICAN IMMIGRANT—FACE CHALLENGES OF FRIENDSHIP AND SURVIVAL IN A RURAL TOWN WHERE IMMIGRATION RAIDS ARE COMMON.

ALL PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT THE MULTI-USE COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER (MUCC):
142 ATLANTIC AVENUE IN ROCHESTER

DIRECTED BY MARIA SCIPIONE. AUDITIONS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

EVENINGS:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

MATINEE:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18



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