

Dr. Michelle Cruz, named one of “22 of 2022 to Watch” by *The Providence Journal*, is an award-winning singer/songwriter, curator, and advocate for farmers, the arts, and veterans. She’s opened for The Roots and cherishes performing for Newport Jazz Festival founder George Wein. Cruz co-created *Someone Will Remember Us*, a play called “Unforgettable” by *The Boston Globe*.

An MC/MPA candidate at Harvard Kennedy School (‘25), she served on the USDA Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers under the Biden Administration. At Farm Fresh RI, she helped move \$2.5M annually in local food and managed New England’s largest winter farmers market. She co-founded URBAN Facts to advance urban agriculture and has spoken at JUST FOOD NYC, Black Farmers and Urban Growers Conferences in Atlanta and NYC, Urban Farming Institute, SEMAP, and more. She served on Rep. Langevin’s Food Advisory Committee, was named a Trailblazer by Food Solutions New England, and was VP of RI Women in Agriculture.

Cruz sits on the August Wilson Society board, upholding his legacy with events like “Keys To The Piano Lesson,” celebrating the Netflix premiere in collaboration with Director Malcolm Washington.

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