

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 p.m.

Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall

Welcome Dr. Jimmy McClellan
Dean, Liberal Arts Division

Red Bank Boogie Buck Clayton and Count Basie

Work Song Nat Adderley arr. Peter Blair
NOVA Jazz Ensemble
John Kocur, Director

Poem: Praise Song for the Day Shelly Palomino
by Elizabeth Alexander Communication and Theater Faculty
Campus Diversity Committee Chair

Two Songs by Duke Ellington arr. Larry Ham
In a Sentimental Mood
It Don't Mean a Thing
Lisa Edwards Burrs, soprano
Christine Hagan, piano

Dance: Escape from Usual Choreography: Charles Renato
Music: Heart Break by Drehz
Metropolitan Tap Ensemble

Reading: Love is Redemptive Dr. McClellan
from a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sing about Love Chumbawamba
Chamber Singers

Improvisation on "Lift Every Voice" John Rosamond Johnson
Aaron Freeman, NOVA music student

Poem: Ain't I a Woman? Ruth Herndon
by Sojourner Truth NOVA Student

Still I rise Rosephanye Powell
NOVA Community Chorus Women
Christine Hagan, piano

Intermission

Poem: America
by Claude McKay

Safo Gyamfi
NOVA Student

Three Songs by Duke Ellington

A Single Petal of a Rose

Take the Coltrane

Take the "A" Train

Wade Beach, piano

Sacred Concert

Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington

Praise God

Heaven

Virginia White, soloist

The Majesty of God

Dr. Burrs, soloist

Come Sunday

NOVA Chamber Singers

David Danced

Roxanne King, Tap Dancer

Almighty God

Praise God and Dance

Dr. Burrs, soloist; Ms. King, Tap Dancer

NOVA Jazz Ensemble
NOVA Community Chorus

Poem: Jazz Fan Looks Back
by Jayne Cortez

Dr. Burrs
John Kocur, saxophone

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words: James Weldon Johnson
Music: J. Rosamund Johnson

NOVA Jazz Ensemble
John Kocur, Director

Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble
Charles Renato, Artistic Director

NOVA Community Chorus
Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director

GUEST ARTISTS

LISA EDWARDS-BURRS, who has been described as “a soprano of crystalline beauty”, received degrees in Vocal Performance from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia (B.M. and M.M.) and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. (D.M.A.). An accomplished lyric-coloratura soprano, her performances in recital, oratorio and chamber music are extensive. Her performances featuring the works of African-American composers and other contemporary works have also received critical acclaim. She recently performed with the Richmond Symphony in the Emancipation Celebration Concert sponsored by the General Assembly and in the Let It Snow concert during the holiday season. Two recordings on which she is featured received ballot consideration for Grammy nominations in 2013: *A Crown of Stars* by Andrew Earle Simpson with the Cantate Chamber Singers (Best Choral Recording) and *Portrait of a Nude Cleopatra* by Leslie Burrs (Best Opera Recording/Instrumental Solo).

WADE BEACH is widely respected for his harmonic sophistication and superb technique, which knows no stylistic limitations. He holds a master’s degree in piano performance from the University of Maryland. He entered the world of jazz as a protégé of Sir Roland Hanna and toured the globe many times over with the United States Air Force Band jazz ensemble, *The Airmen of Note*. Mr. Beach keeps an active teaching and performing schedule, performing with groups around the DC area, including *The Jazz Update Band*.

NOVA Jazz Ensemble John Kocur, Director

SAXOPHONES	TRUMPETS	TROMBONES	GITAR
Michael Barr	Larry Craven	Paul Hamilton	Miguel Guzman
Momina DiBlasio	Josh Readshaw	Jack Grimm	BASS
David Miller	Ron Umbeck	Sidney Wade	Robert Potter
James Stephan	Pendleton Williams		DRUMS
PIANO	VOCALS		Joseph Dirs
Owen Squire	Virginia White		George Schuler
Samuel Aberra			

Metropolitan Youth Tap Ensemble Charles Renato, Artistic Director Roxanne King, Assistant Director

Natalie Allan	Nakya	Nicole Leung	Marie Repczynski
Abigail Aziz	Fenderson	Emily Mann	Ashley Shugart
Sarah Carnell	Isabelle Guzzano	Addison NewRingeisen	Amber Supernor
Cayli Dobbs	Sarah Hall	Lauren Odom	Emily Trachsel
	Olivia Jackson	Shekinah Reese	James Woods

NOVA Community Chorus
Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director
Christine Hagan, Accompanist

SOPRANO 1

Puri Babb
Rae Bailey
Sara Dudley Brown
Maria Cusianovich
Lene Jensen
Terri LaGoe
Phyllis McKenzie
Bahar Pinto
Judith Robb
Maria Rynn
Sarah Jane Scott
Cindy Verrill
Jennifer Weger
Mary Yee

SOPRANO 2

Karen Besser
Cathy Clark
Lisa Clark
Pat Connors
Krystin Gill
Margaret Harrison
Leslie Lesner
Ling Li
Barbara Lowrey
Marty Maher
Carolyn Miller
Mary Lee Russell
Sidney Shahriari
Veronica Torrente
Nancy Ruth Wood

ALTO 1

Diana Badra
Jessica Bralley
Ellie Briscoe
Elizabeth Bull

Marie Canny

Kate Cantrell
Melanie Casey
Katie Coombs
Pat Flagg
Holly Hambley
Terry Holmer
Luise Krebel
Adele Kuntz
Agnes Malicka
Marion Mangus
Linda Peebles
Deborah Peetz
Carol Pelenberg
Maria Rinaldi
Jane Roningen
Mary Shilton
Kaylee Shuey
Cynthia Young

ALTO 2

Halina Banas-
Jones
Arlene Brigida
Leticia Bruna
Ella Curry
Martha Evans
Nancy Ford-Kohne
Ruth Herndon
Joyce Lombardi
Tyra Newman
Sally Piotrowski
Vicki Ratcliffe
Annette Reilly
Carol Uri
Bree Verrill
Grace White
Judy Wulff

TENOR 1

Danny Cabrejos
John Connors
Tom Donlan
Safo Gyamfi
Estee Herndon
Kristopher Kouzougian
Bill Reilly
Francisco Robles

TENOR 2

Rexford Boateng
Matt Cook
Bob Gerbracht
Larry Goldschmidt
Robert Noonan

BASS 1

Bernie Cohen
Michael DeHart
Walter Gans
Lock Handley
Richard Kennedy
Ray Lombardi
William McCarthy
Tom Munger
Tim Rinaman
Pete VandenBosch
Fred Wulff

BASS 2

Jacob Bell
Alan Bunner
Larry Carnahan
Bob Clark
Anthony Clarke
Jeff Gray
Nick King
Alan Krause
Will Russell
David Shilton