

The Cerritos News

CCPA offers February fun

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) has something to delight everyone in February.

Kicking off the month is the concert-style tribute show “The Life and Music of George Michael,” guaranteed to get fans on their feet, dancing and singing along to blockbuster hits like “Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go,” “Freedom,” “Faith,” “Careless Whisper” and “Father Figure.” The late Pop star sold more than 115 million albums spanning four decades, and in the early ’80s rose to fame as a member of Wham! He went solo in 1987 with the album “Faith,” which spawned four No. One hits. The winner of multiple Grammys, American Music and MTV Video awards, Michael was recently inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Tickets start at \$38 for the 8 p.m. show on Friday, February 2.

One of the most popular string ensembles in the world, Vitamin String Quartet (VSQ) performs hits from Netflix’s smash series “Bridgerton,” along with other VSQ favorites, in this spellbinding mash-up of the modern and classical worlds. VSQ “has made classical versions of pop music cool,” raves the “New York Observer.” From Billie Eilish to Björk and Maroon 5 to Nirvana, VSQ breathes new life into each rendition, effortlessly topping the “Billboard” Classica and Classical Crossover charts. Tickets cost \$49 for this 8 p.m. performance on Saturday, February 3.

Celebrated for her romantic voice and the PBS music special “From Venice With Love,” Italian singer-songwriter and Las Vegas headliner Giada Valenti has performed at New York City’s Carnegie Hall. The 12-time Sergio Franchi Music Foundation grant recipient released the acclaimed albums “And I Love You So,” “Italian Signorina,” “My Lullaby” and “From Venice With Love.” Tickets start at \$39 for this Director’s Pick show at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 4.

The Blind Boys of Alabama returns to Cerritos at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 9. This Gospel Music Hall of Fame group makes Gospel “zestier” by “adding jazz and blues idioms and turning up the volume,” raves “The New York Times.” The group has collected Grammys for “Spirit of the Century,” “Higher Ground,” “Go Tell It on the Mountain,” “There Will Be a Light” and “Down in New Orleans.” The band’s latest album is the Grammy-nominated “Almost Home.” Opening the show is Blues Hall of Famer Bobby Rush, who earned a Grammy and a Blues Music Award for “Porcupine

Meat.” His album “Sitting on Top of the Blues” also garnered nods for both of those awards. Ticket prices start at \$45.

In the ’70s and ’80s, the Rock band Queen dominated the music scene with the chart-topping hits “Another One Bites the Dust,” “Bohemian Rhapsody,” “We Will Rock You,” “Radio Ga Ga” and “We Are the Champions.” The tribute “One Night of Queen” celebrates the timeless music and legend of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame group at 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 17. Tickets start at \$55.

“The Greatest Love of All Starring Belinda Davids: A Tribute to Whitney Houston” comes to the Cerritos Center at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 18. Davids pays tribute to the late Pop star who mesmerized music fans and critics with the hits “I Will Always Love You,” “How Will I Know?” and “I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me).” Davids is accompanied by a live band and backup vocalists in this critically acclaimed show, featuring state-of-the-art sound, lighting, vision, and theatrical effects. Tickets start at \$49. This show is not associated with the Estate of Whitney Houston.

In 1984, music fans flocked to the mega-hit “I Ran (So Far Away)” by A Flock of Seagulls. The English New Wave band followed with the Top 40 songs “Wishing (If I Had a Photograph of You),” “Telecommunication” and “Space Age Love Song.” Opening the show is Men Without Hats, which told the world, “You can dance if you want to” back in 1982 – and the world did. The Pop group’s hits include “The Safety Dance” and “Pop Goes the World.” Get tickets now, starting at \$44, for this 8 p.m. concert on Friday, February 23.

Get ready for some heart-pumping fun when Malevo stomps its way onto the Cerritos stage on Sunday, February 25 at 7 p.m. The group specializes in Malambo, a traditional Argentine Folk dance, merging it with urban percussion and other dance styles. Named an official Cultural Ambassador to the National Identity of Argentina, the all-male percussive dance troupe from Argentina has appeared with Latin Pop star Ricky Martin, and Cirque du Soleil, and on the televised hit show “America’s Got Talent.” Tickets start at \$38 for this Director’s Pick show.

Get tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

Annual Festival of Friendship is February 3

Celebrate Cerritos’ rich cultural diversity at the City’s annual Festival of Friendship on Saturday, February 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Los Cerritos Center. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event.

The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural entertainment on stages throughout the mall. Local groups will perform an assortment of cultural songs and dances.

Special commemorative gifts will be available at each stage while supplies last. For more information, call the City’s Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

City to observe Presidents’ Day

Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk/Treasurer’s Office, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Ticket Office will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents’ Day. All park facilities will maintain regular hours. Trash collection schedules will not be affected. ■

Contract awarded for C-5 water well work

The Cerritos City Council has awarded a \$612,312 contract to South West Pump & Drilling, Inc. to perform C-5 well pumping services and a pilot study.

The Coachella-based firm will provide well-pumping services and a pilot study to be performed at the C-5 well. The company will set-up, operate, maintain and remove the temporary pumping equipment to be used for pilot testing and jar testing.

South West Pump & Drilling, Inc. will also conduct water quality sampling and lab analyses and provide and remove temporary noise-control barriers. ■

Soil restoration to take place at Sports Complex

The Cerritos City Council has awarded Southern California Landscape, Inc. of Rancho Cucamonga a \$1,377,500 contract for soil restoration at the Cerritos Sports Complex.

The project includes importing soil and grading of the sports fields 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the site. Restoration will include soil profile amendment and a fertigation system installation, laser grade and sod installation. An estimated 403,000 square feet of area is to be renovated.

The project is expected to start in May and finish in October. ■

City contracts with Long Beach for animal care services

The Cerritos City Council has entered into an agreement with the City of Long Beach for Animal Control services. The contract is effective through June 30, 2024.

With provisions for two two-year extensions, the contract cost will be \$572,468. Fees collected for Cerritos pet licenses are used to offset a portion of the Animal Control contract.

Since 1989, Cerritos has contracted with Long Beach Animal Care Services for animal care. Over the

years, Long Beach Animal Care Services has enhanced services and improved response times to service calls. Residents are now able to renew licenses online, and a full-time State-licensed veterinarian has been hired.

For more information, contact Long Beach Animal Care Services at (562) 570-7387 or longbeach.gov/acs. Residents may also call the City’s Community Safety Division for information or assistance concerning an animal care issue or problem. The division’s telephone number is (562) 916-1266. ■

City Council Recap

City Council/Successor Agency meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month in the City Council Chambers. For details, call the Office of the City Clerk/Treasurer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (562) 916-1248.

November 27, 2023

- Continued the local emergency as proclaimed in Resolution No. 2023-05, at the Cerritos Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course and the nearby City property with the C-4 well site, and
- Made the findings set forth in Sections 1 through 8 of Resolution No. 2023-05, and incorporate by reference those findings, as they relate to the continued existence of a local emergency as specified, and
- Directed staff to provide a report to the City Council regarding the local emergency at least once every 60 days, pursuant to Section 8630(c) of the California Government Code, until the City Council terminates the local emergency.
- Awarded a contract in the amount of \$163,000 to CJ Concrete Construction, Inc. for CDBG-funded curb ramp/sidewalk repairs at Cerritos Towne Center, Bid No. 1532-23, and rejected the other bids.
- Awarded a one-year contract, with provisions to extend up to four one-year extensions to General Pump Company, Inc., for annual on-call maintenance and repair services for water wells, booster pump assemblies and gear drives for the City of Cerritos, Bid No. 1528-23.

- Awarded a one-year contract, with provisions to extend up to four one-year extensions to Doty Bros. Equipment Company and W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., for annual water mains and appurtenances for repairs and services for the City of Cerritos, Bid No. 1529-23.
- Authorized City staff to dispense with the bidding process and proceed with open market proposal procurement for the Swim/Fitness Center Rehabilitation Boiler Replacement, Project No. 20201, and present a report to the City Council for review and consideration of award of contract for the subject project at a future meeting.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-36, a resolution of the City of Cerritos amending Section 2.04 (Strategic Financial Plan and Budget Preparation Policy) of the City of Cerritos Policy and Procedure Manual related to scheduling of meetings and other scheduling requirements.
- Approved membership for the City of Cerritos to join Independent Cities Association (ICA), effective immediately.
- Authorized a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,500 from the General Fund to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted budget for the annual membership in ICA.
- Waived full reading of and adopted Resolution No. 2023-37, a resolution of the Cerritos City

Council authorizing utilization of restricted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, totaling approximately \$200,000, during Fiscal Year 2024-2025, to construct and retrofit accessible curb ramps along Towne Center Drive and Park Plaza Drive within the Cerritos Towne Center.

- Rejected all proposals for Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) marketing analysis and assessment, RFP No. 1531-23, and authorized staff to reissue the project with a revised scope of work to include a CCPA marketing analysis and assessment and services to market the theater's performances to maximize ticket sales.

December 2, 2023

- Compiled the input and information received at this meeting as related to development of Fiscal Year 2024-25 priority goals, including removal of the proposed "coyote issues" item as the City Council has previously provided consensus direction on the matter; and
- Worked in collaboration with the City Council Budget and Finance Ad Hoc Working Group to review the compiled input and information and develop proposed measurable objectives and tasks; and
- Scheduled an agenda report at an upcoming meeting for City Council review and consideration of approval of final priority goals, objectives and tasks for use in guiding the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Citywide Budget.

Contract awarded for Heritage Park roof replacement

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$97,099 contract to California Constructors to replace the roof of the Heritage Park Community Center.

The San Diego-based company is expected to start the project in March. ■

Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard to undergo improvements

The Cerritos City Council awarded a \$3,062,000 contract with Hardy & Harper, Inc., for street rehabilitation on Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard.

Due to the Caltrans project on Interstate 5 Freeway (I-5) at Valley View Avenue, traffic was detoured onto Carmenita Road and Artesia Boulevard, leading to more traffic on those streets and resulting in necessary repairs earlier than expected.

Hardy & Harper, Inc. will remove and replace asphalt concrete, install traffic signal loops and adjust utilities to grade. Caltrans has agreed to reimburse the City up to \$2.5 million for this part of the project.

A conduit for fiber optic cable will also be installed along Carmenita Road between Artesia Boulevard and Alondra Boulevard and along Artesia Boulevard between Carmenita Road and Marquardt Avenue. The \$893,480 for the fiber conduit installation will be paid from the City's General Fund.

The work is scheduled to start next month and is expected to be completed in April 2024. ■

WINTER BOOK SALE



The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale inside the library near the Craftsman Area. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24. **On Sunday, February 25, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.)**

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REGISTRATION

In order to register, patrons must be in the City's RACER registration database. For more information, please visit the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link. You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class. For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

cerritos.us

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Feb. 8 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Feb. 8 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Feb. 8 at 11 a.m.**

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted.
Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under

12057	Thurs., Feb. 8
12058	Thurs., Feb. 15
12059	Thurs., Feb. 22
12060	Thurs., Feb. 29
12061	Thurs., Mar. 7

LUNAR NEW YEAR PAINTING CRAFT

Celebrate Lunar New Year by painting and decorating your own 3D dragon and paper mask. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12062	Wed., Feb. 7	5:15-6 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

VALENTINE'S DAY SHRINKY DINK KEYCHAINS AND HEART-SHAPED BOXES

Design unique keychains using shrink plastic film and decorate a heart-shaped box. Space is limited to 10 participants.

12063	Thurs., Feb. 8	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-14	Art Studio

LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETING CARD CRAFT

Children will decorate and create a pop-up Lunar New Year greeting card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12064	Fri., Feb. 9	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-13	Art Studio

TUSSIE MUSSIE FLOWER WORKSHOP: THE VICTORIAN ART OF EXPRESSING YOURSELF

Create a one-of-a-kind tussie mussie, a small flower bouquet common in the Victorian-era. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12065	Tues., Feb. 13	6 p.m.
	Ages 18 and Over	Skyline Room B

PRESIDENTIAL BINGO

Come and play bingo with a presidential twist. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12066	Fri., Feb. 16	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-9	Art Studio

WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us as Whitney High School student Tyler Liu helps participants improve their academic writing skills with guided essays, hands-on lessons and other activities.

12067	Fri., Mar. 8-Mar. 29	5 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

THE VICTORIAN LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

Rancho Los Cerritos horticulturist Marie Barnidge-McIntyre discusses the origins of the language of flowers. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Wed., Feb. 7	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun 30-minute storytime incorporating stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and movement activities. Space is limited.

Sat., Feb. 10	11:15 a.m.	
	All Ages	Little Theater

ANIME FILM: "HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE" (2004)

Join us for a screening of "Howl's Moving Castle," directed by Hayao Miyazaki. Popular Japanese snacks will be provided, while supplies last. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 119 minutes.

Wed., Feb. 14	3:45 p.m.	
	Ages 13 and Over	Skyline Room

FAMILY NIGHT: AFRICAN DANCE

Learn the art of dance choreography with world dance instructor Teresa Smith. Smith teaches the concepts behind a variety of dance styles, including Bollywood, hip hop, salsa, and African.

Thurs., Feb. 15	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Groovy Girl" by Casey Cui. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Feb. 21	11 a.m.-noon	Board Room
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NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "HARVEY" (1950)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Harvey," starring James Stewart, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 104 minutes.

Thurs., Feb. 22	6 p.m.	
	Ages 18 and Over	Skyline Room

MEET PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS

The Orange County Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and the Cerritos Library are pleased to present a program featuring prominent African American Authors, including Tracy Danielle Robinson, Brandon Shelby, Pamela Samuels Young, and Dr. La-Doris McClaney. A meet and greet with the authors will take place from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The authors will discuss their works from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 25	1-4 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

MEET CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR

Local children's book author Charity Harris will read her books "The Lonely Zebra" and "What If We Were the Same."

Thurs., Feb. 29	3:30 p.m.	
	All Ages	Little Theater

SOUTHERN AND SOUL FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Learn the magic behind soul food with a southern and soul food demonstration featuring staff from Georgia's Restaurant. Georgia's Restaurant serves southern cuisine in Anaheim and Long Beach while reimagining and redefining the public's perception of southern soul food.

Thurs., Feb. 29	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

MEET AUTHOR casey cui

Author Casey Cui will read from her book, "Groovy Girl 2." Casey Cui, a.k.a. Maritza Roño Refuerzo, was born in a beach town in Southern California, and her ancestors hail from Madrid and Bilbao, Spain; Xiamen, China; and the western coast of the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

Mon., Mar. 4	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

Library Exhibition

CAPTIVATING CHANGE

Artist Tayo Joyce presents a beautiful exhibit of acrylic and oil paintings that capture inspirational changes. Joyce's artwork includes exemplary change-makers of African descent, vivid sunsets, vibrant plants in transition and an illustrated children's book. This exhibition will be featured in the Library's Main Street through the end of February.

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Calendar of Events

- January 20 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24.
- January 22 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 5, 12 and 26. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- January 23 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- January 24 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.
- **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m. Also on February 13 and 21. Contact Mary Ann Tipton for location at (562) 706-2881.
- January 25 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on February 1, 8 and 22. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
- **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 8 and 22. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on February 8 and 22, 6 p.m.
- January 30 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 1 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 15. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- February 2 • **Celebrate Good Times Senior Center's 30th Anniversary and Valentine's Dance**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Registration is required in person at the Cerritos Senior Center. \$15/Person. Contact Joyel Dandie at (562) 916-8550.
- February 3 • **Festival of Friendship**, noon, Los Cerritos Center.
- February 6 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on February 20.
- February 7 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- February 8 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
- February 13 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7-9 p.m. Contact Dean Grose for location at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- February 19 • **President's Day**
- **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office**, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed.
- February 22 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 24 • **Friends of the Cerritos Library** book sale, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Library. Also on February 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- February 27 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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African American History Month Lecture Series

Join the Cerritos Library as we celebrate African American History Month with special lectures. These lectures will focus on the rich history and life of African American artists and artisans as well artistic and cultural movements that span the black diaspora.

BLACK ART: A DISCUSSION OF ITS FUNCTION AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Dr. Alice Nicholas and Dr. Natalie Sartin examine the history and legacy of African American art (or Black cultural production), an ongoing creative enterprise, highlighting its creativity, activism, agency and resistance.

Mon., Feb. 5 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

"LET YOUR MOTTO BE RESISTANCE": BLACK ARTS AND THE ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR BLACK LIBERATION

Dr. Alice Nicholas's discussion will center around the philosophies of cultural critic and playwright Larry Neal, a leading member of the Black Arts Movement in the 1960s.

Thurs., Feb. 8 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

HIP HOP POWER!!!: THE POLITICS OF BLACK ART IN HIP HOP

This presentation by Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr. extends Marvin Gladney's (1995) argument that understanding and analyzing Hip Hop as an extension of the Black Arts Movement offers historical and cultural context. This presentation situates Hip Hop in the context of Black Art, offering cultural and political frameworks for understanding the intellectual, artistic and political dimensions of Hip Hop.

Mon., Feb. 12 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PROPHETIC VISIONS OF FREEDOM AND THE FUTURE: REEXAMINING AFROFUTURISM IN OCTAVIA BUTLER'S "PARABLE OF THE SOWER"

Dr. Natalie Sartin delves into the Afrofuturist literary genre through the lens of Octavia Butler's novel, "Parable of the Sower." The Black aesthetic tradition is explored to analyze key themes in the novel, including agency, community building and a radical reimagining of the future.

Mon., Feb. 26 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

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