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# THE BLACK ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS

50th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

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SEPTEMBER 2026 - AUGUST 2027

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# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

**HELLO PATRONS, FRIENDS, AND BELOVED FAMILY OF THE ARTS,**

**FIFTY SEASONS!** It's half a century of music, theatre, dance, poetry, film screenings, art exhibitions and the unbreakable spirit of a people whose art has carried nations. When **THE BLACK ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS (TBAAL)** opened its doors in 1977, we dared to believe that a stage in Dallas, Texas could become a beacon for the world – that our stories, our songs, and our brilliance deserved not a corner of the cultural conversation, but its very center. Today, standing on the shoulders of everyone who ever bought a ticket, lent a hand, or lifted a voice, I am humbled to say: **we did it – together!**

This Golden Anniversary Season is not merely a celebration of what we have accomplished; it is a testament to you. You are the reason the lights have never gone out. You are the reason young and emerging artists found their footing on our stages and went on to grace the world's grandest ones. You are the reason that we have been exposed to sit in theatres and walk through galleries to experience the works of some of the most renowned artists in America. Your patronage has been the heartbeat of this institution, and I thank you – from the deepest chamber of my heart – for every season you have helped to sustain.

But the story does not end at fifty. It begins anew. The next fifty seasons will be written by the children in our classrooms, the dreamers in our lobbies, and the artists yet unborn who will one day stand where legends have stood. They need what you have always given: presence, passion, and generosity.

I ask you, therefore, to continue this sacred journey with us – purchase your season tickets, join or renew your membership, and make a donation or contribution – of any size – to keep this beacon burning bright. Every ticket you buy is an investment in a child's imagination. Every dollar you give is a brick in the house of legacy we are building together.

This season's programs are among some of the best to honor our New York-based Black Academy of Art and Letters Founding Fellows. I urge you to: **attend every program you can**. Fill every seat. Bring your children. Bring your neighbors. Let the world look upon full houses and know that Black artistic and cultural excellence, based here in Dallas, is not an occasion – it is a tradition.

Fifty years ago, we dreamed in gold. Today, because of you, we live in it. We will see you at TBAAL– where we have always belonged, and where we will always be.

With boundless gratitude and abiding faith,

**Curtis King**
Founder and President
The Black Academy of Arts and Letters
Golden Anniversary Season

SEPT. 2026

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
ROOTED IN RESILIENCE. RISING IN EMINENCE.

# "EMINENCE RISING . . . 150 YEARS OF PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY"

**MONDAY, SEPT. 14, 2026 - MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 2026**
**GALLERY HOURS:**
**MONDAY-FRIDAY @ 10 AM - 6 PM**
**SATURDAY @ 12 PM - 4 PM**
**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**"Eminence Rising . . ." celebrates Prairie View A&M University's remarkable 150-year journey—from its founding in 1876 to its national impact today. This traveling exhibit brings PVAMU's legacy to life through striking displays, interactive kiosks, holograms, and immersive stories of leadership, achievement, activism, and innovation. Visitors will experience a powerful history of resilience, excellence, and a future still rising.**

GALLERY EXHIBITION AT TBAAL, LOCATED IN THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM GRAND LOBBY AT FAIR PARK

OCT. 2026

## DOWNTOWN DALLAS Comedy



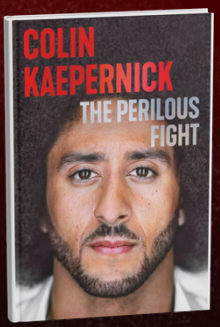
**FEATURING JAY LAMONT**
FRI. OCT. 2, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. OCT. 3, 2026 @ 9 PM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre
1309 Canton Street • $15

Get ready for an unforgettable night of comedy with the hilarious **JAY LAMONT**! With his sharp wit, high-energy storytelling, and undeniable stage presence, Jay knows how to turn everyday life into big laughs. Come see why his comedy leaves audiences laughing long after the show ends!

# COLIN KAEPERNICK
## NATIONAL BOOK TOUR

TUES. OCT. 6, 2026 @ 7 PM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage
$35 includes copy of book

This moving memoir comes almost ten years after **COLIN KAEPERNICK** knelt during the National Anthem before an NFL pre-season game. When he took the knee, it was a protest against police violence and racial inequity. Navigating an identity the world didn't always make space for, to an athlete who realized the game was bigger than football, "shaped everything for me. When I took a knee, it wasn't a sudden act."






MICHAEL JOHNSON
*MODERATOR*

EVENING OF

# THEATRE & Music

DRESS PERFORMANCE THEATRE SERIES


NOAH BRADFORD


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KAYDEN MCKENZIE


MALIYAH GANTER


D'MONI DUNBAR


CHLOE JACKSON


DALLAS MARK


TREVEON MAYBERRY


JAI SHARPER


LAILA BURSEY


TEGHAN ROBERSON


ERIN BLACKBURN

FRI. OCT. 16, 2026 @ 8 PM
SAT. OCT. 17, 2026 @ 8 PM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage • $10

Fourteen young thespians bask and glow in the theatre spotlight, weaving dramatic monologues, spoken word narratives with musical cadence. Every spoken word and song performed will feel like an early evening conversation that somehow becomes unforgettable art.

ONE NIGHT ONLY

# RELIEF CONCERT

FEATURING

## JADA ARNELL



SAT. OCT. 24, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park •$20
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

What happens when you free your mind from past worries and struggles and move forward with a new outlook on life, through completely different lens? **JADA ARNELL** one night-only show, is the physical manifestation of pressure being removed and serves as a metaphor for a new beginning, a fresh start and a second chance in life. Her music tells it all!



# "A Tough Row To Hoe:
## ONE MAN'S JOURNEY TO BUILD AN INSTITUTION"

**FEATURING CURTIS KING**
SAT. OCT. 24, 2026 @ 10 AM
$15 includes Dialogue and Breakfast
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • Room 303

**Roundtable**
**WRITER'S BREAKFAST**

Founder and president, **CURTIS KING**, of The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, read excerpts from his soon to be released book about his roller-coaster journey and personal sacrifices made to build the institution from his dining room table with a $250 investment of his own money. **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER ALBERTUS LEWIS.**

# ENCORE!
# TRYANGLE
## PART II A SONDER SONG



**FEATURING**
**TAMARA PETERSON AND LUCKI AZARIAH**

FRI. OCT. 30, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. OCT. 31, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Mother, **TAMARA PETERSON**, and daughter, **LUCKI AZARIAH** takes us on an inspirational concert promenade about the life of women as wife, mother, daughter and artist in this remarkable musical evening of song and spoken word. The songs they perform and stories they tell, of pain to love, are both inspiring and refreshing. **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER BOB THOMAS.**




# MIDLIFE MIXTAPE




**FEATURING JESSE JAYY AND CARLA D. WALKER**
FRI. NOV. 6, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. NOV. 7, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Two seasoned singers, one unforgettable show. From soul and rock to jazz, country and pop, **JESSE JAYY** and **CARLA D. WALKER** blend decades of life experiences into every genre they touch. Together, they prove the best music - like the best stories - only gets richer with time. **HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER SEAN REED.**



## POETRY #1 SMASH OPEN MIC

THURS. NOV. 12, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

Poets transform raw, unguarded memory into a shared ritual of rhythm, breath, and emotional truth.

**Coordinated by B. Randall**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER DERRICK WALKER**

## ENCORE! EVENING WITH Andrea

JAZZ AT THE MUSE

**FEATURING ANDREA WALLACE**
FRI. NOV. 13, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. NOV. 14, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**ANDREA WALLACE** delivers a captivating live experience filled with expressive vocals, magnetic charisma, and songs that move both the heart and the room. Come witness an artist who transforms every performance into an intimate, high-powered celebration. **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS ALBERTUS LEWIS, LATOYA HENRY, AND DERRICK WALKER.**

# AFRICAN AMERICAN CINEMA IN BLACK & WHITE



**SAT. NOV. 14, 2026 @ 1 PM | Talk Back @ 4 PM**
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • Bruton Auditorium
$5 - Screening & Talk Back by Filmmaker
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

FEATURING FILMS OF
M. LEGEND BROWN

**"WHERE IS YOUR FAITH"**
**DALLAS PREMIERE**
Religious • *80 mins*
***1:00 PM-2:20 PM***

A grieving woman ready to end her life meets a pastor questioning his faith. Trapped in a church during a violent storm, they find unexpected hope and healing together.

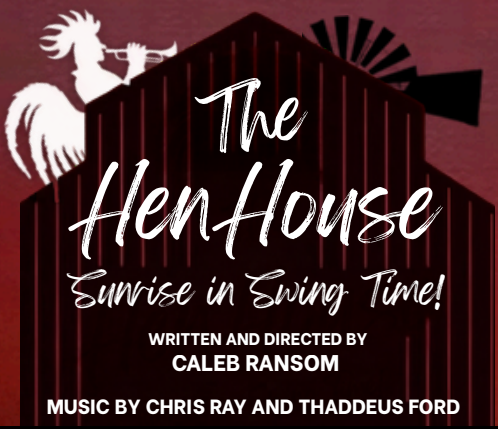
**"THE PERFECT FAMILY"**
Comedy • *20 mins*
***2:30 PM-2:50 PM***

Preacher's Kids follows a bishop and his wife raising two very different teenage daughters. When secrets and mishaps shake their home, the family rediscovers the importance of faith, honesty, and sticking together.

**"NO EASY WAY OUT"**
**WORLD PREMIERE**
Comedy • *60 mins*
***3:00 PM-4:00 PM***

A desperate crew's dispensary heist spirals out of control, making them targets of ruthless crime boss Mr. Black. With time running out, they discover stealing the money was easier than escaping alive.

**SUNDAY EVENING THEATRE**
PROFESSIONAL STAGE READING




SUN. NOV. 15, 2026 @ 5 PM
$ pay what you can
The Women's Museum at Fair Park
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

This jazz-driven fable follows Chanticleer, a trumpet-playing rooster who believes his music raises the sun each morning. When the cunning fox Reynard steals his prized trumpet, Chanticleer must outsmart the fox, reclaim his instrument and discover that true greatness comes not from pride, but from humility. *This special stage reading is a part of TBAAL's Broadway Division to develop new works for theatrical and commercial enterprise.* **Produced by Caleb Ransom with Curtis King. HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER KIM JOHNSON.**




WED. NOV. 18, 2026 @ 10 AM
THURS. NOV. 19, 2026 @ 10 AM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage
$5

Focusing on the 3L's: language, literacy and learning, this fun kid show, performed by adult actors and singers, is for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools. It is centered on the repetitive slang expression when kids get upset and say, "I'm Not Playin' With You!"

A THREE-PART CONCERT SERIES

# 3 o'clock SUNDAY EVENING MUSICAL

Concert Series 1 of 3

NOVEMBER • JANUARY • APRIL

In the spirit of the Black Church music tradition, six soul-steering mass choirs participate in a three-part concert series in reminiscence of a Sunday evening custom when congregants gather at various churches to experience some of the best 'choir musicals' performing hymns, old fashioned gospel and contemporary music.

## SERIES ONE

SUNDAY

**NOV 22**

2026 • 3 PM



JUSTIN WHITE & THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT



DR. MARCUS SCOTT & HIS SOUND MINISTRIES

## SERIES TWO

SUNDAY

**JAN 31**

2027 • 3 PM



DANIEL DUDLEY & VOICES WITH PURPOSE



DALLAS PROJECT CHURCH

## SERIES THREE

SUNDAY

**APR 11**

2027 • 3 PM



RON BELL & CM3



CHOIR OF THE HOUR

**$10** SINGLE TICKET | **$15** FOR 2 CONCERTS | **$20** FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

## TBAAL DOWNTOWN DALLAS

CONVENTION CENTER THEATRE COMPLEX | BRUTON MAIN STAGE

# Two Guitars

John Aqua

$had





REPRISE

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**FEATURING JOHN AQUA AND $HAD**
FRI. NOV. 20, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. NOV. 21, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Stringing rhythms with lots of soul on their guitars, **JOHN AQUA** (aka John Franklin, Jr.) and **$HAD** (aka Malik Woods) team up to give a rousing show on two guitars. They are the George Bensons, Chuck Berrys, B.B. Kings and Prince of their generations. Gotta see these two young artists! **HOSTED BY JOHN FRANKLIN, SR. AND TBAAL BOARD MEMBER BOB THOMAS.**

DALLAS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# PERFORMING ARTS MATTER

**MUSIC • THEATRE • DANCE**

AN AFTER SCHOOL EXTENDED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

**CLASSES**
TUES. DEC. 1, 2026 -
THURS. FEB. 18, 2027

**FINALE PERFORMANCE**
THURS. FEB. 18, 2027 @ 7 PM
Free to the Public
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage

**Over five hundred students from ten DallasISD schools, ADELLE TURNER, JIMMIE BASHEAR, BILLIE EARL DADE, DANIEL WEBSTER, CHARLES RICE, RONALD E. MCNAIR, MARK TWAIN, FRANK GUZICK, BIRDIE ALEXANDER, and HAROLD W. LANG, get training in the Performing Arts Matter After School twelve-week program from professional artists in music, theatre, and dance. Supported by DallasISD.**

DEC. 2026

# POETS N JAZZ #1

**FEATURING GEMINI**
FRI. DEC. 4, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. DEC. 5, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Each one of **GEMINI**'s spoken word poetry is a raw and unguarded confession that turns private memory into a shared ritual. She holds a room with nothing but rhythm, breath and the courage to say what most people only think.

**Hosted by B. Randall**
**Music by IBTrio**



# POETRY #2 SMASH OPEN MIC

THURS. DEC. 10, 2026 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

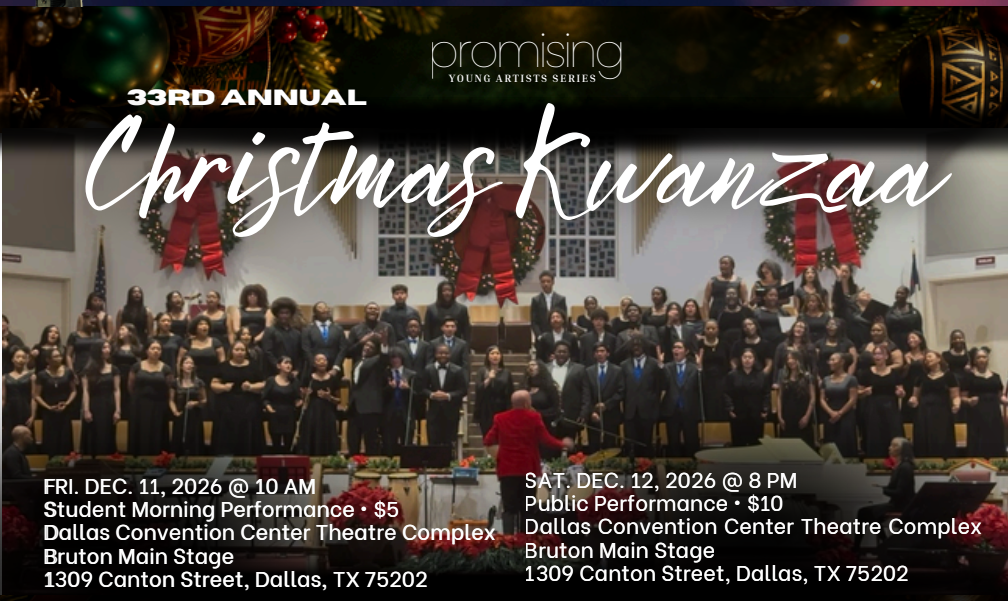
From margin to microphone, the poets gather to amplify stories that society often ignores with fierce compassion and clarity. **Coordinated by B. Randall**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER SIENZHI KOUEMO AND LASHAILA MITCHUM**

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**33RD ANNUAL**

# Christmas Kwanzaa



FRI. DEC. 11, 2026 @ 10 AM
Student Morning Performance • $5
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage
1309 Canton Street, Dallas, TX 75202

SAT. DEC. 12, 2026 @ 8 PM
Public Performance • $10
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage
1309 Canton Street, Dallas, TX 75202

For thirty-three years, DallasISD high schools have assembled to present this annual holiday music celebration, featuring 300 young voices from **KIMBALL**, **LINCOLN**, **CARTER**, **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ARTS ACADEMY**, **EMMENT J. CONRAD**, **DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL**, **MAURINE F. BAILEY CONCERT CHOIR AT LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL**, with special guests from **BILLY EARL DADE**, **UPLIFT HAMPTON** and **BILLIE K. ROBERTS CHORALE** to perform a night of hymns, spirituals, gospel, and classical music.**Coordinated by ASHLEY SMITH.**




THURS. DEC. 17, 2026 @ 10 AM
FRI. DEC. 18, 2026 @ 10 AM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex • $5
Bruton Main Stage

Focusing on the 3L's: language, literacy and learning, this show, performed by adult actors and singers, is for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools. An enjoyable fable about Santa who visits a school and surprisingly becomes a teacher and judge of a spelling contest instead of bringing the kids Christmas gifts.

# MARVIN ON PIANO

**FEATURING MARVIN HOLLIE**
FRI. DEC. 18, 2026 @ 9 PM
SAT. DEC. 19, 2026 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

The renowned pianist, **MARVIN HOLLIE** performs a soulful night of music from all styles and genres! Having traveled the world with some of the most famous artists, he'll now bask in the spotlight as he plays every black-and-white key on piano! He'll even feature some of Dallas' marvelous singers. **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER ALBERTUS LEWIS.**

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# GenMix

JAN. 2027




**FEATURING CORA SEARIGHT-STANLEY, IDRIS WARA, MYLES BROWN**
FRI. JAN. 8, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. JAN. 9, 2027 @ 8 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Three teenage artists take the stage with a bold, genre-blending sound that bridges generations. They fuse pop, R&B, soul, and indie into fresh performances that feel instantly current, while honoring the melodies, storytelling, and grooves that older audiences grew up loving. Each artist brings their own voice, style, and energy, creating a show where parents, grandparents, and their peers all find something to sing along to.

# Roundtable
## WRITER'S BREAKFAST



FEATURING
CASEY GERALD

SAT. JAN 9, 2027 @ 10 AM
$15 includes Dialogue and Breakfast
The Women's Museum at Fair Park
Founders Lounge, Main Level




A decade ago, **CASEY GERALD** was a rising star, a Yale and Havard graduate running a celebrated nonprofit. Then he shut it all down. His new book is an argument for forging a different path. It's his attempt to make sense of the choice at the center of his own life - to stop trying to convince America that he deserves a place in it and take back the authority to decide what his life is for. Gerald says, "ruining his reputation saved his life."

**HOSTED BY NATASHIA GERALD AND TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER SEAN REED**

# FIVE-TIME EMMY AWARD WINNING

# 44th ANNUAL

# Black Music

## & THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT CONCERT

*Tribute to*

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



*ROBERTS



*STUDDARD

**FRI. JAN. 15, 2027 @ 10AM**
**Student Morning Performance**
**Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre • $5**
**The Women's Museum at Fair Park**
**TBAAL Temporary Home**
**3800 Parry Avenue**

**SUN. JAN. 17, 2027 @ 7:30PM**
**Public Performance**
**Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center**
**Downtown Dallas Arts District**
**2301 Flora Street**
**$50, $30, $20**

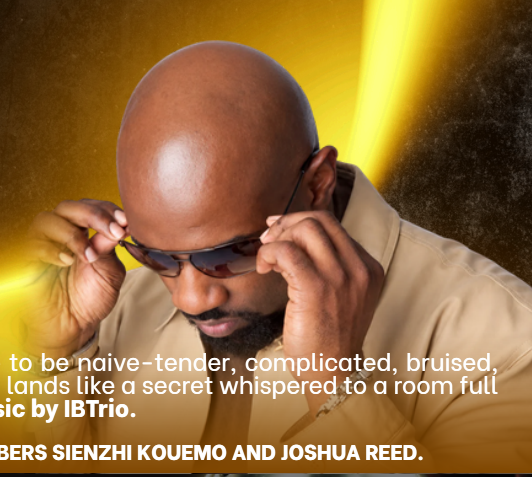
Celebrating over four decades with five EMMY awards, this concert tribute dramatizes and reflects on the moments and memories of the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights progress from the 1960s to present. This mesmerizing evening of narration, music, and dance features American Idol winners, **RUBEN STUDDARD** and **JAMAL ROBERTS** with TBAAL's 150-voice concert choir.

Conceived and produced by **CURTIS KING**. Conducted by **CLARK JOSEPH**.

**Supported by NBC 5 and Telemundo 39. Hosted by TBAAL REGULAR AND MILLENNIAL BOARDS.**

***SUNDAY PERFORMANCE ONLY**

# POETS N JAZZ #2



**FEATURING C.O.C.O. BROWN**
FRI. JAN. 15, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. JAN. 16, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**BROWN** writes love poems that refuse to be naive-tender, complicated, bruised, and still believing. On stage, every line lands like a secret whispered to a room full of strangers. **Hosted by B. Randall. Music by IBTrio.**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS SIENZHI KOUEMO AND JOSHUA REED.**

# POETRY #3 SMASH OPEN MIC

THURS. JAN. 21, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

Witness every poet weaving narratives and verses into a spellbinding story that lingers long after the final line and the poetic words.

**Coordinated by B. Randall**

THEATRE SERIES DRESS PERFORMANCE

# Brothers MONOLOGUES



JOSHUA REED



BRITTON ADAMS



LEONARD LYONS, II



STEPHEON STOKER



DAVID C. TORREY



JEFF TORO GLEMAUD



DONAVON MURPHY

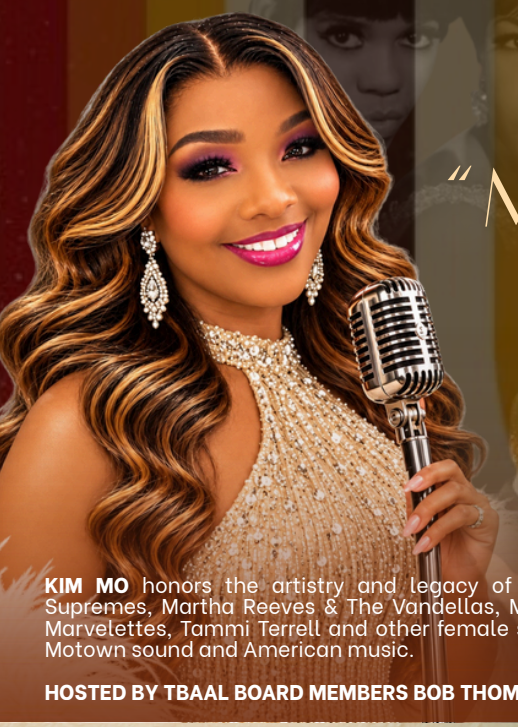


JAMES EARL LEHAMAN, JR.

THURS. JAN. 21, 2027 @ 8:15 PM
FRI. JAN. 22, 2027 @ 8:15 PM
SAT. JAN. 23, 2027 @ 3 PM & 8:15 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**DIRECTED BY CURTIS KING**

From adversity to resilience, trials and triumphs, eight brothers perform some of their favorite and original monologues about the life of a black man living in America. Layered with themes of love, relationships, sexuality and humor, they share raw feelings, mutual ideas and real-life encounters. **HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS SEAN REED AND JOSHUA REED.**



# "MOTOWN DIVAS
## THE WOMEN OF HITSVILLE!"

**STARRING KIM MO**
FRI. JAN. 29, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. JAN. 30, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**KIM MO** honors the artistry and legacy of performers, such as Diana Ross and The Supremes, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Mary Wells, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Marvelettes, Tammi Terrell and other female singers, who helped to define the legendary Motown sound and American music.

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBERS BOB THOMAS AND OSCAR FAYE WILLIAMS**

IT'S LITERATURE
TBAAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH
READ 28 DAYS OF 28 SELECTED BLACK AUTHORS

**FEB. 2027**

**IT'S LITerature: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERARY AUTHOR'S SERIES**
MON. FEB. 1 - SUN. FEB. 28, 2027

For twenty-eight days, twenty-eight books will be chosen to be a part of this special literary author's series. The series is designed for high school and college students to select one of the twenty-eight books to read and write an essay about their chosen book at the conclusion of the twenty-eighth day. The essays will be judged by a distinguished panel of scholars and the four winning essays, two from each of the high schools and colleges, will be presented with a cash prize. 28 chosen books will be posted on website: tbaal.org and via all TBAAL Social Media platforms, January 1, 2026.

**ESSAY REQUIREMENTS AND MORE DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED SOON!**




THURS. FEB. 4, 2027 @ 10 AM
FRI. FEB. 5, 2027 @ 10 AM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex • $5
Bruton Main Stage

Focusing on the 3L's: language, literacy and learning, this fun kid show, performed by adult actors and singers, is for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools. A coming-of-age story about famous African American figures who became well-known for their inventions, innovations and discoveries for their work as American citizens.

# HARPER NOTES!

## EVENING WITH DANA



**FEATURING DANA HARPER**
FRI. FEB. 5, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. FEB. 6, 2027 @9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

ENCORE!

A TBAAL audience favorite, **DANA HARPER** moves effortlessly across styles, delivering sets that weave together pop, jazz, folk, and classic soul. Her warm, versatile voice and thoughtful song choices make every performance feel both intimate and electric, drawing in longtime music lovers and new listeners alike! **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER NICHOLAS WARD.**



## POETRY #4 SMASH OPEN MIC

THURS. FEB. 11, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

When the poets assemble, they don't just perform, they summon a chorus, inviting the audience to breathe, speak, and feel together in real time.

**Coordinated by B. Randall**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS KIM JOHNSON AND REGAN RODRIGUEZ**



## VALENTINE'S DAY *Sweetheart Concert*

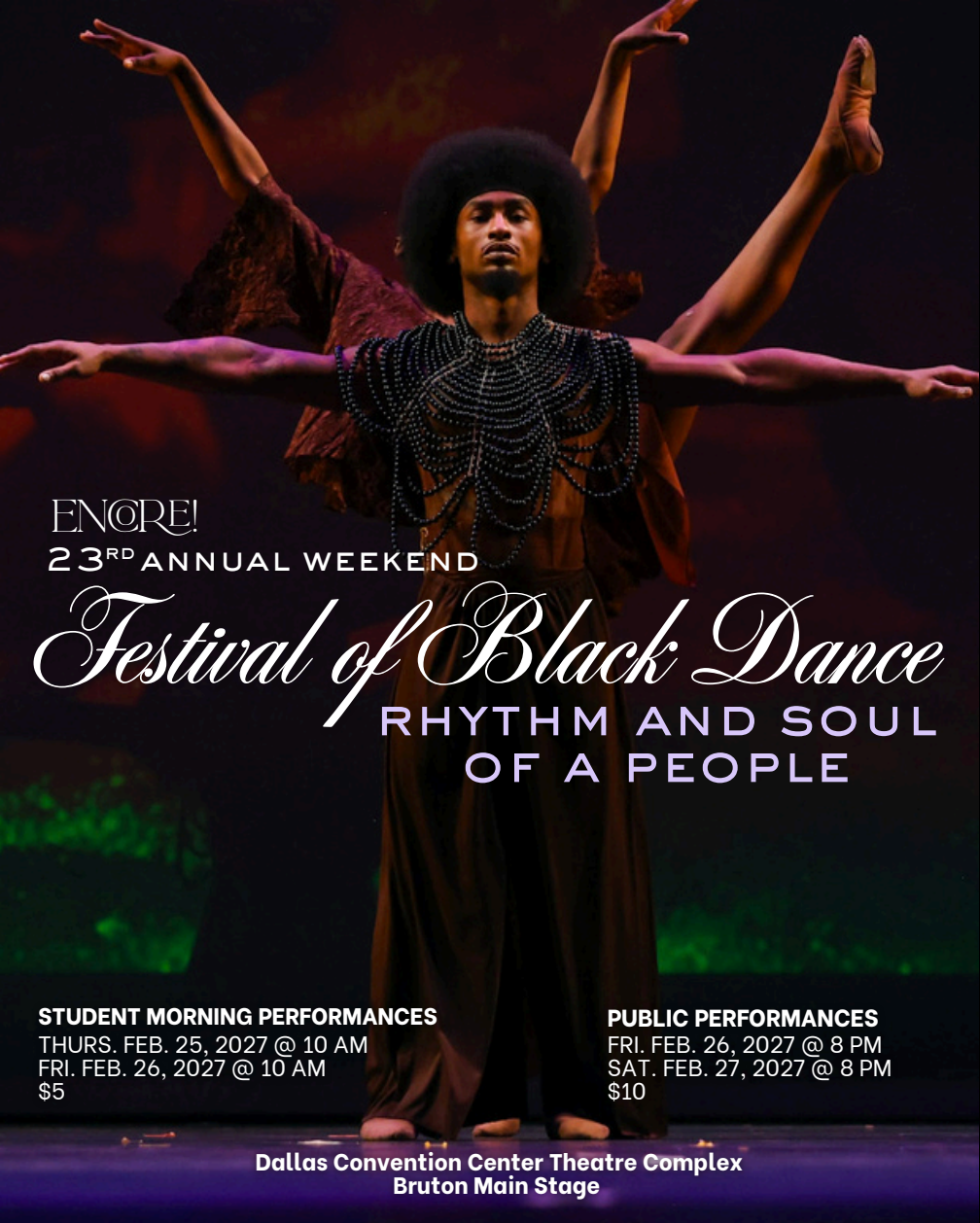


**FEATURING RICK JAMES**
FRI. FEB. 12, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. FEB. 13, 2027 @9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $20
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

ENCORE!

COMPLIMENTARY
WINE WITH EVERY VIP TABLE!
RESERVATIONS: 214.743.2441

Audiences just can't get enough of Dallas' own, **RICK JAMES**! He's returning to the Muse for an encore, performing a romantic evening of some of the best R&B, Soul, and Pop music on Valentine's Day and weekend. **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBERS GWENDOLYN HUNT AND ALBERTUS LEWIS.**



ENCORE!

23RD ANNUAL WEEKEND

# Festival of Black Dance

## RHYTHM AND SOUL OF A PEOPLE

**STUDENT MORNING PERFORMANCES**
THURS. FEB. 25, 2027 @ 10 AM
FRI. FEB. 26, 2027 @ 10 AM
$5

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCES**
FRI. FEB. 26, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. FEB. 27, 2027 @ 8 PM
$10

**Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex**
**Bruton Main Stage**

Two exceptional professional Black dance companies - **ATLANTA DANCE CONNECTION** and **PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY CLASSIC DANCE ENSEMBLE**, take the stage for an evening of bold contemporary and modern dance rooted in artistry, culture, tributes and movement. Experience powerful storytelling, breathtaking athleticism, and innovative choreography as part of a vibrant celebration of Black dance.

**HOSTED BY TBAAL REGULAR AND MILLENNIAL BOARDS**

# "WAZOBIA" Concert



FRI. FEB. 19, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. FEB. 20, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

AfroBeat Nigeria native artist, **BABA KUBOYE** and his band makes TBAAL debut in a celebratory concert fusing American funk, jazz, and soul with his West African root, Wazobia, a term combining the word "come" from three major Nigerian languages, is what the grand nephew of fame musician, Fela Kuti, want folks to do, COME!

## SUNDAY EVENING THEATRE

PROFESSIONAL STAGE READING

# "BLUES FOR MISTER CHARLIE"

BY JAMES BALDWIN

SUN. FEB. 28, 2027 @ 5 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park
$ pay what you can
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

A white storeowner's murder of a young Black man sparks a trial and community tensions in the Civil Rights-era South. Baldwin's play confronts systemic racism, the limits of nonviolence, and the struggle for justice in an unequal society.

*This production is supported in part by The Black Seed, a national project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, in partnership with The Billie Holiday Theatre, New York, New York.*

**Professional Stage Reading directed by AKIN BABATUNDE. Produced by CURTIS KING.**

THE BLACK SEED

## MAR. 2027

ENCORE!

# Honey and Whiskey

featuring LIV WARFIELD

FRI. MAR. 5, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. MAR. 6, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**LIV WARFIELD** brings a powerhouse voice, fearless force, and a stage presence that turns every song into an extraordinary moment in her special tribute to ANN PEEBLES, ETTA JAMES, JANIS JOPLIN, TINA TURNER, and more. This performance will render a soul-stirring night of funk, rock, R&B, and pure vocal fire!

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER ALBERTUS LEWIS**

# AFRICAN AMERICAN CINEMA IN BLACK & WHITE



**SAT. MAR. 6, 2027 @ 12:30PM | Talk Back @ 4:15 PM**
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • Bruton Auditorium
$5 - Screening and Talk Back with Filmmaker

FEATURING FILMS OF
ARTHUR MUHAMMAD




**"CARTER HIGH"**
Drama • *110 mins*
***12:30 PM-2:20 PM***

Based on the true story of a high school football team in Dallas, Texas that rose to prominence in the 1980s, the story explores the team's journey to a state championship while addressing the challenges and off-field issues that ultimately led to their downfall.




**"FIRST IMPRESSION"**
Romantic Comedy • *20 mins*
***2:30 PM-4:10 PM***

The story is about five friends who engage in a bet to see who can get a beautiful girl's phone number first. This light-hearted challenge leads to unexpected twists and valuable life lessons about relationships and self-discovery.

HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER SEAN REED



THEATRE SERIES DRESS PERFORMANCE

ENCORE!

# "a black woman speaks"

WRITTEN BY
BEAH RICHARDS

DIRECTED BY CURTIS KING

**STARRING ABENI HAYNES**
THURS. MAR. 11, 2027 @ 8:15 PM
FRI. MAR. 12, 2027 @ 8:15 PM
SAT. MAR. 13, 2027 @ 3 PM & 8:15 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**ABENI HAYNES** gives a "stunning command performance" of Beah Richards writing that confronts the ways Black women are viewed and controlled by both racist and patriarchal systems. Her work moves between anger, humor, sexuality, spirituality, historical memory, and resistance. She refuses to reduce Black womanhood to victimhood but rather claims the authority to define herself, her body, history, and her humanity. **This performance is an ode to Women History Month. HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER OSCAR FAYE WILLIAMS.**

## SUNDAY EVENING THEATRE

PROFESSIONAL STAGE READING

# "LONG TIME SINCE YESTERDAY"

BY PJ GIBSON

SUN. MAR. 14, 2027 @ 5 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park
$ pay what you can
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

THE BLACK SEED

A group of successful Black women reunites for the funeral of their college friend Janeen, who died by suicide. Their reunion becomes a reckoning with the pain, compromises, and expectations beneath their polished lives.

*This production is supported in part by The Black Seed, a national project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, in partnership with The Billie Holiday Theatre, New York, New York.*

**Professional Stage Reading directed by AKIN BABATUNDE. Produced by CURTIS KING.**

REPRISE

# Blood ON THE CROSS

## THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

**DIRECTED BY CURTIS KING**

FRI. MAR. 19, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. MAR. 20, 2027 @ 3 PM MATINEE
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage • $10


MICHELLE MAGEE-NORFLEET
FRIENDSHIP WEST


CLARK JOSEPH
ST. JOHN UNLEASHED


PATRICK BRADLEY
WESTSIDE


LADARIUS WAITS
CONCORD


JASON WARD
EAST GATE


SAUL B. GATES
FRIENDSHIP WEST

As the cross is lifted and the blood of Christ is shed, this powerful dramatization brings to life the final hour of Jesus Christ—reaching beyond the nails, the crown of thorns, and the darkness of Calvary. From His betrayal to His condemnation, we witness the depth of His suffering, the weight of His sacrifice, the anguish of treachery, the power of forgiveness, and the immeasurable love that led Him to willingly give His life for humanity. TBAAL partners with **FRIENDSHIP WEST**, **ST. JOHN UNLEASHED**, **WESTSIDE**, **CONCORD**, **EAST GATE** and other **DFW** churches. **Creative Artistic Directors: Dr. Michelle Magee-Norfleet, Dr. Clark Joseph, Dr. Patrick Bradley, Ladarius Waits** and **Jason Ward.**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

# POETRY #5 SMASH OPEN MIC

THURS. MAR. 18, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

Soft-spoken yet unflinching, the poets deliver lines that dismantle power with precision and leave the room

Coordinated by B. Randall

# THE HIP HOP PUPPET SHOW "MY SUMMER VACATION"

THURS. APR. 1, 2027 @ 10 AM
FRI. APR. 2, 2027 @ 10 AM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex • $5
Bruton Main Stage

Focusing on the 3L's: language, literacy and learning, this fun kid show, performed by adult actors and singers, is for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools. A fun show about students who get together to plan for their summer vacation. The plan they have is different from what their parents have planned for them.

# REPRISE POETS N JAZZ #3

**FEATURING SE7EN THE POET**
FRI. APR. 2, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. APR. 3, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Armed with fluent cadence and a voice that commands attention, **SE7EN THE POET** - headlines with six of Texas hottest spoken word poets - turn every stage into an arena. Their poems hit like anthems, leaving the audience breathless and changed.

**Hosted by B. Randall**

# POETRY #6 SMASH OPEN MIC

THURS. APR. 8, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

With a microphone and a conscience, poets turn headlines and lived injustice into urgent, striking testimony.

Coordinated by B. Randall




**FEATURING SMALL FIRE**
FRI. APR. 9, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. APR. 10, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**SMALL FIRE** is bringing the heat with a comedy experience packed with bold jokes, outrageous observations, and plenty of unexpected laughs! This is the kind of show where you never quite know what's coming next, but you know you're going to have a good time. Grab your friends and come catch the fire! **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS BOB THOMAS, ALBERTUS LEWIS, CRYSTAL BATES, AND KENNY BUNCH.**




**FEATURING KNICE 2 KNOW**
FRI. APR. 16, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. APR. 17, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

From top 40s to funk, pop, R&B and hip-Hop, **KNICE 2 KNOW** is more than music, it's an experience. This elegant cover band will entertain any crowd for any event, on any night!

DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

17TH ANNUAL

# BUDDING ROSE

CONCERT



**Student Morning Performance • $5**
FRI. APR. 23, 2027 @ 10 AM

**Public Performance • $10**
SAT. APR. 24, 2027 @ 7:30 PM

**Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex**
**Bruton Main Stage**

Performing music, with excellence, from 300 DallasISD young budding singers from **BILLY EARL DADE**, **BARACK OBAMA**, **JOHN W. LEWIS SOCIAL JUSTICE ACADEMY AT O.W. HOLMES**, **CHARLES RICE LEARNING CENTER**, **SHIRLEY ISOM-NEWSOME (aka Harry Stone)**, **W.E. GREINER EXPLORATORY ARTS ACADEMY**, **OTTO M. FRIDA**, **JIMMIE T. BRASHEAR**, **MARTIN LUTHER KING FINE ARTS**, **HAMPTON PREP** and **DUNBAR**, is magical when these tender voices render a solid variety repertoire of classical, pop, Broadway, spiritual and gospel selections. **Coordinated by Carolyn Donnell and Carmalie Simms. HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBER REUBEN GRIFFIN.**

MAY 2027

SUNDAY EVENING THEATRE
PROFESSIONAL STAGE READING

# Primary Trust

SUN. MAY 2, 2027 @ 5 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park
$ pay what you can
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

After the bookstore closes, Kenneth finds work at Primary Trust Bank and connects with a waitress named Corrina. These changes draw him beyond his sheltered world, revealing the childhood trauma and loss behind his isolation.

*This production is supported in part by The Black Seed, a national project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, in partnership with The Billie Holiday Theatre, New York, New York.*

**Professional Stage Reading directed by AKIN BABATUNDE. Produced by CURTIS KING.**

THE BLACK SEED

# MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

## EVENING WITH Gaye ARBUCKLE ENCORE!



FRI. MAY 7, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. MAY 8, 2027 @ 8 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Celebrate Mother's Day weekend with Dallas-based national gospel artist, GAYE ARBUCKLE. She's back for seven consecutive season to deliver a power packed night of hand-clapping and foot-stomping music, spanning the scope from traditional, contemporary, and sacred gospel music.

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER ALBERTUS LEWIS**

# COFFEE COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

AN EVENING WITH

## BERNNADETTE STANIS
## KIM COLES



STANIS COLES

SAT. MAY 1, 2027 @ 8 PM
$50 • VIP Meet-and-Greet Reception @ 7 PM
$20 • The Conversation @ 8 PM
Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
Bruton Main Stage

Two of America's most respected theatre, television and film actors, **BERNNADETTE STANIS** and **KIM COLES**, share candid, unhurried, heartfelt, memorable and intimate moments of their career ups and downs as African Americans and women in the entertainment industry.

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLENNIAL BOARD**

THEATRE SERIES **DRESS PERFORMANCE**

# *Wheelchair Hustle*



FRI. MAY 14, 2027 @ 8:15 PM
SAT. MAY 15, 2027 @ 3 PM & 8:15 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

*WRITTEN BY AND STARRING*
*AKIN BABATUNDE*

Filled with touching stories, sharp wit, and surprising moments, this solo performance explores what it means to redefine independence, accept help without losing dignity, and discover that life's great obstacles often lead to its greatest blessings. More than a story about a wheelchair, it is a celebration of perseverance, friendship, faith and the enduring power of the human spirit. Moreover, it is about learning how to hustle through life with grace, humor, determination, and a wheelchair. **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD & MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS ALBERTUS LEWIS AND JOSHUA REED.**

# POETRY #7 SMASH

OPEN MIC

THURS. MAY 20, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park •$10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

Poets meet to build entire worlds with cadence, breath and the spaces between words, making the poets themselves an instrument.

**Coordinated by B. Randall**

# DOWNTOWN DALLAS *Comedy* ENCORE!



**FEATURING B-PHLAT**
FRI. MAY 21, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. MAY 22, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**B-PHLAT** is serving up comedy with personality, punch, and a whole lot of laughs! From hilarious takes on life to an unmistakable comedic style, B-Phlat brings the kind of energy that keeps the audience locked in from beginning to end. Come ready to laugh, let loose, and have a night you won't forget! **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS OSCAR FAYE WILLIAMS, CRYSTAL BATES AND KENNY BUNCH.**




# THE fresh 4

promising
YOUNG ARTISTS SERIES

FRI. JUN. 4, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. JUN. 5, 2027 @ 8 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Four powerhouse teens - **KARLEIGH BLACK**, **SKYLER THOMPSON**, **ERRYN JACKSON**, **BRYCE HOLMES** - are turning up the volume and bringing the moves. With a mix of pop, R&B, dance, and global beats, this high-energy show is packed with tight choreography, fiery spoken word, unstoppable vocals, and the kind of star power that can't be taught. Young, fierce, and ready to own the spotlight—these young artists aren't the future, they're right now.

REPRISE

# POETS N JAZZ #4

A POETRY MARATHON!

FRI. JUN. 11, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. JUN. 12, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

Capturing street corners, subway rides, and neighborhood mythology, six poets give voice to the city where their work is a love letter to the places and people history often overlooks. Don't miss this season's reprise where poetry meets music in this 3-hour spoken word marathon! **Hosted by B. Randall. Music by IBTrio.**




TAYLOR SHARPER | CHOICE THE POET | CADENCE DIGGS | AFIA BOACHIE | WRITEOUS SOUL | BRANDON PURYEAR

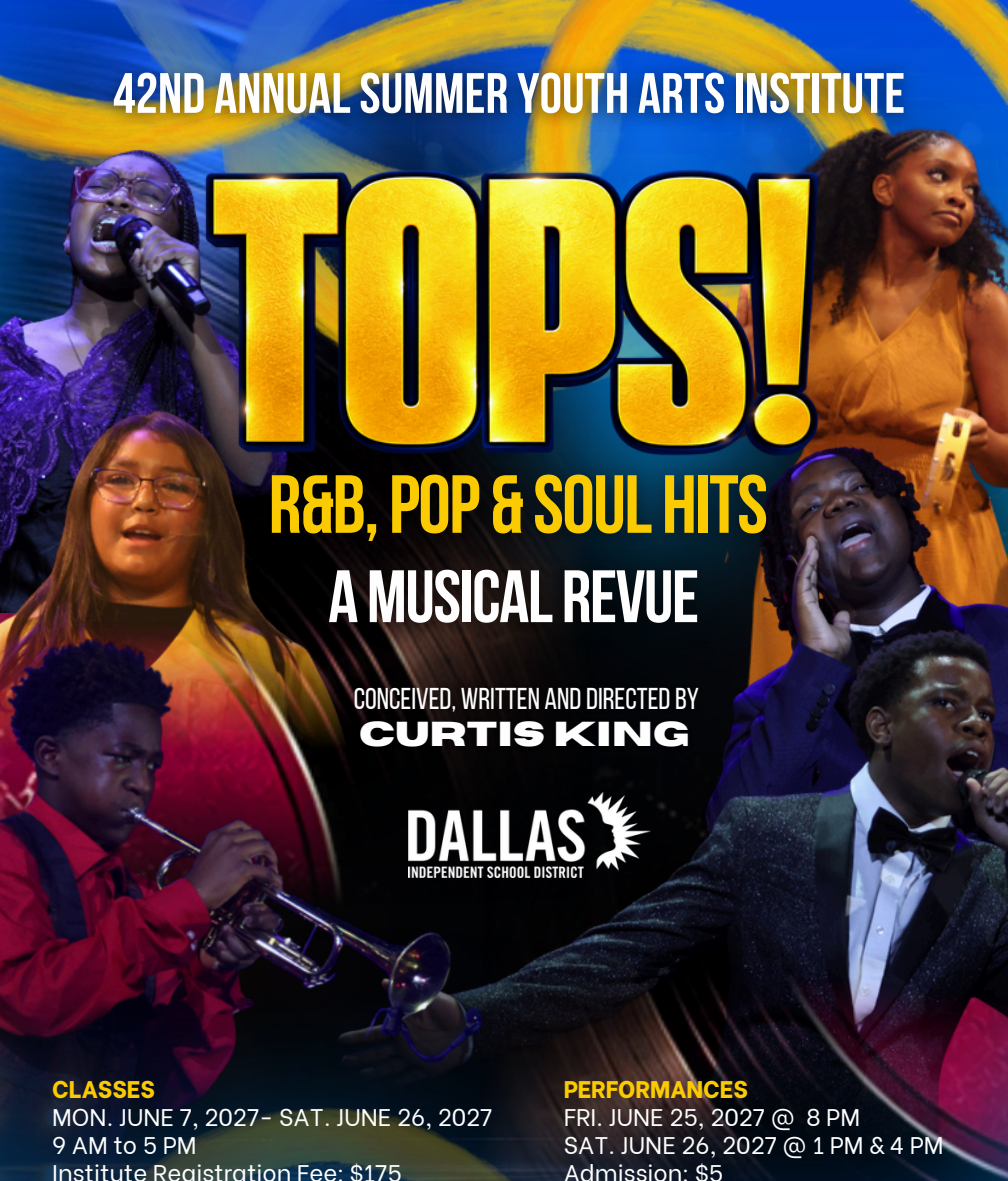
ENCORE!

# JUNE TEENTH JAZZ JAM



**FEATURING MARTHA BURKS**
FRI. JUN. 18, 2027 @ 9 PM
SAT. JUN. 19, 2027 @ 9 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

The soulful **MARTHA BURKS** is back for the twenty-third season performing jazz, down home blues, R&B, Pop, and soul! She'll salute Juneteenth and rock da' house as usual! **HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBERS OSCAR FAYE WILLIAMS AND GWENDOLYN HUNT.**




**CLASSES**
MON. JUNE 7, 2027- SAT. JUNE 26, 2027
9 AM to 5 PM
Institute Registration Fee: $175

**PERFORMANCES**
FRI. JUNE 25, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. JUNE 26, 2027 @ 1 PM & 4 PM
Admission: $5

Dallas Convention Center Theatre Complex
1309 Canton Street, Dallas, TX 75202

More than 400 youth from ages 10-18 take crash courses, trained by seasoned professionals, in Music, Dance, Theatre, Costume Design, Make-Up, Lighting, Stage Management, Photography and Film/Video. The institute culminates with a large full-scale theatrical production, **"TOPS! R&B, POP AND SOUL HITS: A MUSICAL REVUE." Supported in part by DallasISD Summer Enrichment Extended Learning, Dallas Mavericks,** and **Dallas' Office of Arts and Culture. HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLIENNIAL BOARD.**

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YOUNG ARTISTS SERIES

# Double Take
## CONCERT

**KELLISON** CUMBY

ENCORE!

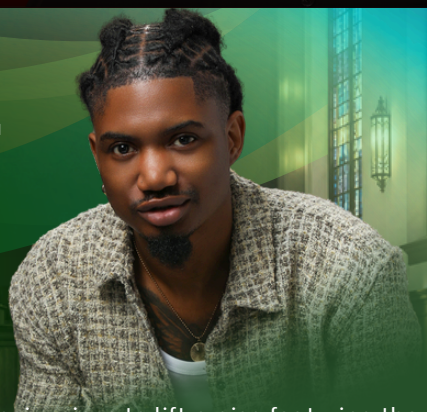
**JEFFREY** BERRY

FRI. JULY 9, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. JULY 10, 2027 @ 8 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Clarence Muse Cafe Theatre

**JEFFREY BERRY** and **KELLISON CUMBY** bring fearless creativity and a sound that refuses to stay in one lane. With fresh energy, bold creativity, and a dynamic mix of musical styles on stage, their performances blend powerful voices, vibrant beats, and authentic artistry for an exciting show that connects across generations. They're young, bold and just beginning their 'double take!

# GOSPEL
## ON THE GREEN

FEATURING
*Zai Lamb*



TUES. JULY 13, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10

Four of Dallas-based popular choirs unite their voices to lift praise featuring the Houston-based young powerful vocalist ZAI LAMB to celebrate the power of Black gospel music.

**THIS MUSIC CELEBRATION KICKS OFF TBAAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY GALA REUNION.**

# POETRY #8 SMASH
## OPEN MIC

THURS. AUG. 19, 2027 @ 7:30 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $10
Naomi Bruton Auditorium

Drawing from multiple languages, traditions, and lineages, the poet connects to stitch together identities that refuse to be simplified.

**Coordinated by B. Randall**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL MILLENNNIAL BOARD MEMBER REGAN RODRIGUEZ**



# REMEMBERING ARETHA FRANKLIN

## "AMAZING GRACE" TRIBUTE



CAROLYN TRAYLOR

TOMMYE YOUNG-WEST

FRI. AUG. 13, 2027 @ 8 PM
SAT. AUG. 14, 2027 @ 8 PM
The Women's Museum at Fair Park • $15

Two powerhouse gospel recording artists, **TOMMYE YOUNG-WEST** and **CAROLYN TRAYLOR** perform a soul steering musical experience, commemorating the incomparable Aretha Franklin 1972 timeless "Amazing Grace" recording. This concert is more than a tribute to the "Queen of Soul", it is a celebration of faith, soul, and a reminder of the musical legacy, made by Miss Franklin, that still move audiences and generations worldwide. Miss Franklin passed August 16, 2018. **Directed and produced by Curtis King.**

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD MEMBER GWENDOLYN HUNT**



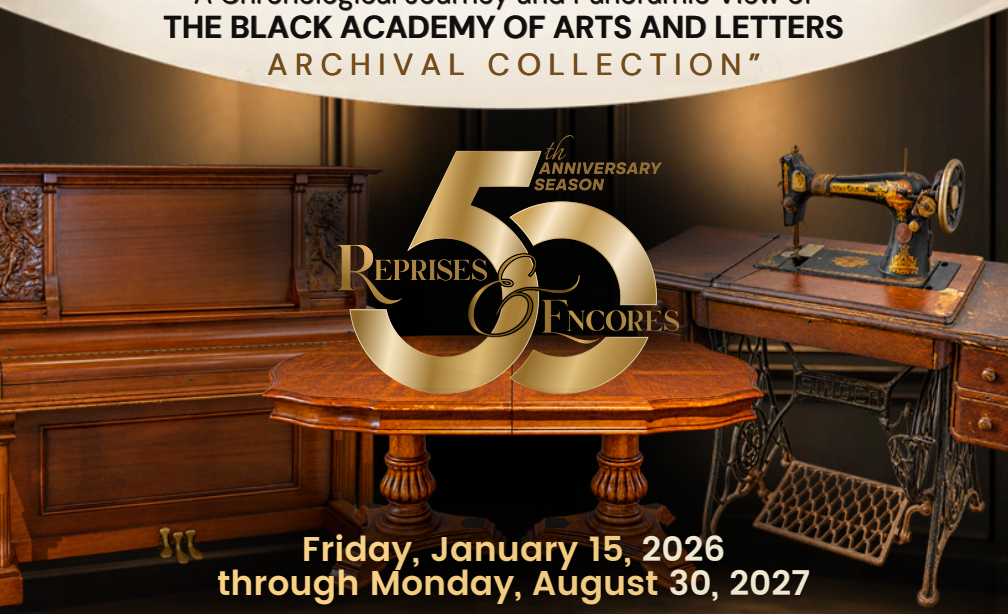

This dazzling reunion gala includes a spectacular and celebratory high energy night of music, theatre and dance performances. Full of reflections and a coming home gathering features many Summer Arts Institute alumni who have matriculated through TBAAL 50-year program journey. *All proceeds from Reunion Gala will benefit TBAAL's youth Arts-and-Education programs.*

**HOSTED BY TBAAL BOARD AND MILLENNIAL BOARD MEMBERS**

GALLERY EXHIBITION AND VENUE TOUR

# "ACQUISITIONS AND ARTIFACTS!

A Chronological Journey and Panoramic View of
**THE BLACK ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS**
ARCHIVAL COLLECTION"




## Friday, January 15, 2026 through Monday, August 30, 2027

Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10am-6pm
Saturday, Noon-4pm

**These acquisitions are on permanent display at the Women's Museum in Fair Park, James E. Kemp Gallery (2nd Floor).**

DONATED OBJECTS (L to R)

**PIANO**: This century old upright cabinet grand was donated by the prominent Record's Barbecue Restaurant family estate, one of Dallas' oldest and most respected African American family owned business.

**TABLE:** Donated by the family estate of the late Esther Rolle, Rolle sat at this table to study her film, theatre and television scripts, specifically from her popular television show, GOOD TIMES.

**SEWING MACHINE**: Donated by the late Adella Farmar, this sewing machine is an early model which dates back to the 1900s. Farmar was a very well-known Costume Designer for some of Hollywood's most notable sitcoms like Good Times, Sanford and Sons, Gimme A Break and Different Strokes.

Donations Accepted

**THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM • TBAAL TEMPORARY HOME**
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**FOR TICKETS & INFORMATION, CALL 214.743.2400 OR VISIT TICKETMASTER.COM**

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LABOR DAY WEEKEND

THE BLACK ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS

# 10th RIVERFRONT JAZZ FESTIVAL

LIVE JAZZ | R&B | SOUL | BLUES | NEO-SOUL

## SEPTEMBER 3–5, 2027

FRIDAY–SUNDAY

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Music permeates the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolitan skies as citizens, tourists, and music buffs from around the globe make their way to the Southwest for a relaxing and exciting Labor Day Jazz Festival weekend! For two and one-half days, patrons will enjoy all day and nightly concerts on three stages (jazz, blues/soul and promising young artists), hotel after-party jam sessions, vendors' market, and dine at some of Dallas' finest restaurants.

# TBAAL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS

ALL MEMBER LEVELS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING...

- 10% discount on TBAAL program tickets
- Reduced handling charge for tickets purchased @ TBAAL box office
- 10% discount on purchases at TBAAL's Eva Jessye Gift Shop
- VIP admittance prior to house opening at TBAAL performances
- TBAAL updates and information throughout TBAAL's program season
- Access to TBAAL's 2nd floor Member Lounge (must show member card)
- TBAAL Membership perks and "members-only" invitations

***FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TBAAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS***

***Visit www.tbaal.org/membership/ or call TBAAL Member Services 214.743.2441***

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

$ 20 Beale Street Strutters
$ 30 Artist Renaissance Trailblazer
$ 40 Abyssinian Circle
$100 Schomburg Scholars
$250 Apollo Stars
$500 Cotton Club Sophisticates
$750 Savoy Kickers

## TBAAL VENUE

TBAAL has the right space for any occasion! Whether corporate or community meetings, mixers, intimate receptions, school/family reunions, group celebrations, social gatherings, fraternity/sorority events, film screenings, podcasts, panel discussions, etc., TBAAL is the place!

You can choose from TBAAL's Founder's Lounge, Grand Lobby, spacious meeting/conference rooms, Bruton Auditorium, or 2nd Floor Exterior Balcony Lounges. For superb dining at your special event, you can also select one of TBAAL's world-class caterers to please your palate. Reserve venue space by calling TBAAL's Venue Usage Department at 214.743.2446, or for a complete list of venue descriptions and prices, visit **https://tbaal.org/basic-prices/**

**TBAAL BOX OFFICE HOURS:**
Mon – Fri: 10am - 5pm
TBAAL Box Office Phone: 214.743.2400
Ticketmaster: **www.ticketmaster.com**

*TBAAL's Box Office is closed from 2pm – 3pm for lunch Monday – Friday and 11am – 1pm for weekly Staff Meeting on Tuesday.*

## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

$1,500 Bronze
$2,500 Silver
$3,500 Gold
$5,500 Diamond

In addition to basic benefits and discounts, TBAAL Corporate Membership Levels receive complimentary venue-usage space in 4-hour increments, to host educational seminars, workshops, cocktail parties, mixers, receptions, happy hours, brand activations, and galas and banquets, in a safe, aesthetically pleasing environment. Corporate venue space can be scheduled between 9am and midnight Monday-Sunday, except holidays, based on venue availability. The 4-hour usage period includes basic set-up and breakdown, but does not include catering and technical costs.

**The Black Academy of Arts and Letters, Inc. 2026-2027** 50th Season Programs are supported in part by Visit Dallas, City of Dallas Office of Arts and Culture, Dallas' Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, TITO'S Handmade Vodka, Dallas Mavericks, Charles Schwab Bank, Stein Foundation, and Dallas Independent School District.

**MEDIA PARTNERS:** NBC 5 & Telemundo 39, 97.9 The Beat, K104FM, Smooth R&B 105.7FM, Texas Metro News, Ticketmaster, The Dallas Weekly, and Garland Journal.

TBAAL is temporarily located in Fair Park at The Women's Museum, east of the Music Hall.

***Revised January 2026***

# BECOME A TBAAL MEMBER

THE BLACK ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS

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Founded July 17, 1977 | Chartered and Incorporated November 25, 1977 | Curtis King, Founder and President

**Join/Renew online at https://joinit.com or contact us at 214.743.2441.**

## BENEFITS

- Priority Seating
- Members-Only Perks
- Discounted tickets (TBAALbox office)
- Member Lounge Access
- TBAAL Partner Discounts
- **NEW!** Digital Membership Cards

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Please circle one - Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rev. Rep.

Birthday Month _____

[ ] New Member [ ] Renewal

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell / Telephone # ( _____ ) _____ Email _____

## GUEST MEMBERSHIP

Please circle one - Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Rev. Rep.

Birthday Month _____

[ ] New Member [ ] Renewal

1.

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell / Telephone # ( _____ ) _____ Email _____

2.

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell / Telephone # ( _____ ) _____ Email _____

## BUSINESS | CORPORATE | ORGANIZATION

Birthday Month _____

[ ] New Member [ ] Renewal

Name of Business | Corporation | Organization _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Cell / Telephone # ( _____ ) _____ Email _____

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

**INDIVIDUAL**

[ ] $20 [ ] $40 [ ] $100 [ ] $250 [ ] $500 [ ] $600 [ ] $750

**BUSINESS | CORPORATE | ORGANIZATION**

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