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"Bringing Color to the Classics!"

CAAPA

# CRESCENDO NEWSLETTER

Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts Quarterly Newsletter

Fall 2018

## CAAPA kicks off new season

2018-2019 starts off with singing, art, and poetry at the annual Melody of Art and honors movers and shakers in the DMV.

(TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018) Each season for the last decade, CAAPA has hosted an annual reception during Congressional Black Caucus season. This year is no exception. The non-profit arts organization will once again



Samuel Bonds



Evelyn Simpson-Curenton



Obie Patterson



Marcia Milton



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feature a roster of talented Black classical musicians aspiring musicians **Jayla Brown**, soprano and **Andrew Smith**, baritone, along with **Ceylon Mitchell, III**, and pianist **Edmond Charles** who frequently performs for CAAPA. The business chic attire event takes place on **Tuesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm** at the **Georgetown Piano Bar, M Street, NW, Washington, DC**. While honoring local luminaries who have dedicated their lives to a variety of causes including education, youth, senior citizens, public service, musicianship and so much more, the honorees stand among others who have been honored before them including **Dr. Nathan Carter** (posthumously), **Stanley Thurston**, **Rev. Dr. Delores Carpenter**, **Dr. J. Weldon Norris**, **Richard Smallwood**, **Darin Atwater**, **Julian Wachner**, **Kathy Brewington**, **Bonita White**, **Marco Merrick**, **Dr. Lester Green**, **Ivy Meadows**, **Jacque Gales-Webb**, **Gregory Watkins**, **Nevilla Ottley**, **Terrance Tarver**, **C. Brian Williams**, **William Jones**, **Kelvin Page**, **Kehembe Eichelberger**, and **Dr. Emory Andrews**.

CAAPA also featured a signature cocktail called the "Opera-tini", which was from the cash bar.

### FREE

The event is free to attend but registration is requested at Eventbrite or email [caapareservations@gmail.com](mailto:caapareservations@gmail.com). Tax deductible donations are also graciously accepted.

"The CAAPA programs and concerts are fabulous."

~~~ Courtney Pringle  
CAAPA Patron

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## Free week-long performance arts summer camp for youth is a success

CAAPA partnered with The LEARN Foundation to bring together vocal music, drama, dance, and visual art in an intensive 5-day summer camp performing arts experience using Italian Opera terms to galvanize activities this summer for the first time.



(July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3, 2018, Landover, MD) CAAPA presented the “CAAPA C.A.M.P. (Cultivating Artists Musicians and Performers) from Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3, 2018 at the Dodge Park Elementary School Campus, 3401 Hubbard Road, Landover, MD 20785. The day began at 8:00 am and ran until 5:00 pm daily, culminating with a camper’s performance on Friday, August 3, at 6:00 pm. The week-long camp

was free of charge to children grades K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade (5 to 13 years old). Parents provided their own round-trip transportation.

Funded by The Landover Educational Athletic Recreational Non-Profit Foundation (LEARN), a charitable, non-profit fund at the Prince George’s Community Foundation, the inaugural camp was designed to provide youth with a stimulating personal and creative growth experience, by providing excellent performing and visual arts instruction in a joyful, supportive community to bring together campers and professional artist-educators to explore, discover and create art. CAAPA C.A.M.P. offered a variety of daily scheduling options including vocal music, drama, dance, musical theatre, visual arts and crafts, and sports, with Master Classes including step, opera, and behind the scenes. Another goal introduced campers to the opera and classical music culture through use of creative programming such as “Da Capo”, an Italian musical term that means at the top or at the beginning. Each morning campers and staff used this as an opportunity to meet at the start of the day allowing for a welcome gathering, announcements, recap, and/or pertinent information shared. While “Bravi Tutti” (good job everyone in Italian) was the daily camper gathering where campers and staff came together at the end of the day with personal expression, free breakfast, lunch and snacks were also provided daily by the Prince George’s County Public Schools.



The finale program called “The Island” written by drama teacher Maleka Chester featured drama, dance, and music including songs “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, “Day-O”, “Hakuna Matata”, “Hot, Hot, Hot”, and “This Is Me” coordinated by the music teacher Wayne Jennings; and dance teacher



Robbin Tasha-Ford. Visual art teacher Kim Crawford provided set design and scenery for the production. Campers helped bring all aspects of the program to fruition, believing that the future is now and through partnership and collaboration they can enrich their lives. Info for next summer’s camp 301-839-1444 or email caapacamp@gmail.com.



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## 2018 Winners!

CAAPA 2018 Music Scholarship Finalists include:

**1st Place: Lalibela Faraba - Violin \$1000.00**

**2nd Place Melissa Constantin - Soprano \$500.00**

**3rd Place: Enih Agwe - Soprano \$250.00**

**Honorable Mention: DeMarco Granger - Bass \$100.00**

**Samaria Currie - Soprano  
Zakiyyah Thompson - Clarinet**

All of the students performed beautifully before adjudicators on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Oxon Hill Library. The new Scholarship Chair, Dr. Emory Andrews, along with judges Kelvin Page, William Jones, and Valencia Howard, shared encouraging words to the four participating high school seniors following their performances. Each will be attending a music school or participating in a music program in the Fall and receive a financial scholarship.

Donate now and support our youth. **Needed: \* Interns \*Volunteers\* Office Workers\* Concert Help\* Community Service Hours for Students!**  
**Call 301-839-1444.**



**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND SEASONED PROFESSIONALS FOR THE 2018-2019 SEASON!!!**

Contact for dates when you can help bring color to the classics!  
301-839-1444 or caapa@aol.com

## Positions Needed:

**MARKETING MANAGER  
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PROJECT COORDINATOR  
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MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS  
RETENTION COORDINATOR  
EVENT PERSONNEL  
OFFICE ASSISTANT**



# Arias at Sea: Blacks in Classical Music Cruise to set sail again 2019!

Non-profit arts organization features Black classical musicians on a cruise.

\$100.00 deposit will hold your space on the second Arias at Sea Blacks in Classical Music Cruise 2019. Booking now with travel partner TADA Travel, you can phone in deposit or book online.

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# Arias at Sea

## 2nd Blacks in Classical Music Cruise 2019

**George Shirley, Host**

*Spectacular Music*

**ALL WEEK!!!**

**Nov. 17th - Nov. 24th, 2019 8 Days - 7 Nights**

Your exciting 7-night package includes cruise accommodations, taxes, port charges, fees, fuel surcharge, onboard meals, all concerts, entertainment, group photo & more!

Co-Hosts

Booking now with travel partner **TADA Travel**, you can phone in deposit or book online. "We are excited to present this second musical experience on the high seas or high c's", stated CAAPA Board Chair **Pamela Simonson**. Costs include four recitals, a concert, a Welcome Aboard Soiree Cocktail Party, All White Finale Concert, as well as concerts with shuttle service in Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas featuring **Bel Canto Singers** and the **Allegro School of Music**, respectively. Contact the office at 301-839-1444 or visit the website for info at [www.4caapa.org](http://www.4caapa.org).

**Sing for Senior Recitals performed in libraries** and coordinated by violinist **Alex Strachan** (at right with violin) for aging and retired residents throughout the region. CAAPA now has booked recitals during weekdays meeting the needs of seniors in **Anne Arundel County, Prince George's County, and Montgomery County**. Recitals are performed by Strachan and often joined by tenor **Wayne Jennings** (far right). The duo perform solos and duets, as well as engaging the audience with familiar sing-a-longs. Recitals are also available for nursing homes, senior centers, etc. Call Alex at **301-509-0697**.



## We are still growing...Join the CAAPA team!



**CECILE TOLLIVER, Director of Communications.**

Cecile has worked for CAAPA for the last several years.

**JARROD LEE, Project Manager.**

Jarrod is a baritone with the Washington National Opera. He manages the Opera Composer's Showcase.

**ANGELI FERRETTE, Project Manager.**

Angeli is a soprano with the Washington National Opera. She manages the popular Sopranos Slay Concert.

**ANTHONY BALLARD, Project Manager.**

Anthony sings with the WNO. He manages Men in Black.



## We've Named our Newsletter Contest



**WINNER ANNOUNCED!**

We have a winner for the "Name our Newsletter Contest!" CAAPA's own staff person **Norjay Wiggins, Jr.** came up with the "The CAAPA Crescendo Newsletter" which depicts a continued increase and growth! Perfect!...the new name ties into how CAAPA is growing. Wiggins' company **NorrisWORKS** serves as Video Production Supervisor and creates all the videos for CAAPA programs, social media, and marketing. [norriswiggins@gmail.com](mailto:norriswiggins@gmail.com)

**DONATE TODAY TO ANY OR ALL OF CAAPA'S PROGRAMS**  
 Call today to make a donation 301-839-1444, visit [www.4caapa.org](http://www.4caapa.org), or send your check to CAAPA, PO Box 44954 Fort Washington, MD 20744.

# 2018-2019 CAAPA SEASON CALENDAR

## 2018

Tue Sep 18 7pm Melody of Art Season Kick-Off @ Georgetown Piano Bar  
 Wed Sep 19 9am Ain't Misbehavin' Musical @ Toby's Dinner Theatre  
 Sun Sep 30 3pm OLE! Spanish and Afro Classical Music @ Springfield Christian Church  
 Sat Oct 6 12pm Bowie International Festival @ Allen Pond Park  
 Sun Oct 14 4pm Opera Comes to Church @ First Presbyterian Church of Arlington  
 Wed Oct 17 12pm National Opera Week Tea and Concert @ Harmony Hall  
 Sat Oct 27 11am MOVIN' ON UP: Goin' Up Together: Youth and The Great Migration  
 Sun Oct 28 4pm Opera Shorts Composer's Showcase @ The Clarice  
 Sun Nov 4 4pm Celebrating Diversity in Unity Concert @ Marymount University  
 Thu Nov 8 12pm Musical Tribute to Shirley Chisholm @ Montpelier Arts Center  
 Sun Nov 18 4pm Emerging Artists Recital @ St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
 Fri Nov 23 TBD Nutcracker Afternoon Tea (Jack and Jill of America Inc.)  
 Fri Nov 23 5pm Nutcracker Ballet - Trips ALIVE! @ THEARC  
 Thu Dec 6 6pm N'Kenge in Concert @ Kennedy Center  
 Sun Dec 16 4pm Handel & Hamilton for the Holidays @ Montpelier Arts Center  
 Sun Dec 30 4pm Meroë and Friends Holiday Concert @ Harmony Hall

## 2019:

Sat Jan 12 4pm Sopranos Slay Concert: DC @ Bowie Center for the Performing Arts  
 Sun Jan 20 4pm Figaro Meets Fredrick Douglass @ Davies Universalist Church  
 Sun Jan 27 3pm Pathway to Freedom: Harriet Tubman Dance & Music Tribute @THEARC  
 Feb - Apr varies MasterClass Series @ HBCU's  
 Sat Feb 2 1pm MOVIN' ON UP: Music During Migration Panel @ Montpelier Arts Center  
 Sun Feb 3 4pm Giving Voices to Hope Classical Concert @ Fraser Mansion  
 Sat Feb 16 6pm Cotton Field to Concert Hall Musical Extravaganza @ Kennedy Center  
 Sun Feb 17 4pm Voices of the Past: Sissieretta Jones Concert @ Montpelier Arts Center  
 Tue Feb 19 12pm Ain't a That Good News: Musical Tribute to Moses Hogan @ Epiphany  
 Sun Feb 24 4pm MOVIN' ON UP: The Movin' On Up Concert @ Harmony Hall  
 Wed Feb 27 1pm Deep River Violin Recital @ varies libraries in PG, AA, & Mont counties  
 Sat Mar 9 7pm Billy Eckstein Tribute & Supper Club w/Joshua Banbury @ Harmony Hall  
 Sat Mar 16 4pm MOVIN' ON UP: Women's History Month Concert @ Montgomery Hist.  
 Sun Mar 31 11pm Deadline for High School Music Scholarship Applications  
 Sat Apr 6 1pm MOVIN' ON UP: Goin' North: Spoken Word Presentation @Oxon Libraries  
 Sat. Apr 13 1pm Opera for Fun! Opera in a Basket  
 Sun Apr 21 6pm Seoul to Soul Musical Extravaganza @ Kennedy Center  
 Thu Apr 25 7pm Paintings, Poetry, Puccini, and Pasta @Busboys  
 Sun Apr 28 4pm Sopranos Slay: Charlotte  
 Sat May 4 11am Student Scholarship Showcase @Oxon Hill  
 Sun May 12 4pm Sopranos Slay: New York  
 Sat May 18 4pm Musica Africa Concert @ St. John's Epsicopal  
 Sat Jun 1 4pm New Orleans 300<sup>th</sup> Birthday Musical Celebration  
 Sat Jun 15 4pm Men in Black Concert @ Bowie Center for the Performing Arts  
 Jun TBD 6pm Soirée en Blanc All White Gala and Silent Auction  
 Jul TBD CAAPA C.A.M.P. (Cultivating Artists, Musicians & Performers)/

## 2019-2020: Nov. 19-24<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Arias at Sea: Blacks in Classical Music Cruise

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