



COALITION FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS (CAAPA) “Bringing Color to the Classics!”®

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OPERA...FROM A SISTAH’S POINT OF VIEW – A Concert for all ages

(LARGO, MARYLAND, SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022; 4:00 pm) World renowned opera soprano **Angela Brown** adapts her popular show “*Opera...From a Sistah’s Point of View*” on **Saturday, June 25, 2022** at the **Center for the Performing Arts at Prince George’s Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 20774 at 4:00 pm**. Sponsored by the **Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)**, a non-profit arts organization, Brown uses humor, storytelling, and song to dispel common opera myths with her signature wit and larger-than-life personality. Brown likes to say, “*Opera is not about being a certain way, dressing a certain way, speaking a certain way. It’s about experiencing, and opera is for everyone!*” The concert helps demystifies classic opera plotlines and celebrates the diversity of opera’s characters while tracing the beauty of its music through the stories and voices of Black singers. She uses her not-so-serious take on opera stories to demonstrate the ethnic, geographic, and socio-economic diversity portrayed in opera characters by performing a mix of showstopping arias, poignant art songs, and moving spirituals, Brown is joined by emerging artists soprano **Alexandria Crichlow** and baritone **Christian Simmons** with **Dr. Lester Green** on piano. The show breaks down barriers for audiences that wouldn’t necessarily include opera as a part of their entertainment options, a key tenet of CAAPA’s mission of “*Bringing Color to the Classics!*”

Brown's multi-genre career has been lauded on the front page of *The New York Times*, *CNN*, *CBS*, in *Oprah Magazine* and *Reader's Digest*. With classical and pops engagements spanning six continents, she has graced the leading opera and symphonic stages of the world. Her vocal artistry is featured on the two-time Grammy Award® winning recording “Ask Your Mama.”

During the evening, CAAPA also celebrates the achievements of award-winning artistic producer, composer/lyricist, music director, and cultural curator **Nolan Williams, Jr.** and arts advocate and community leader **Tomeka Bumbry** with the **CAAPA Legacy Awards**. Visit for in-person and virtual tickets www.4caapa.org.

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About the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA): CAAPA is a non-profit 501c3 arts organization in support of Black classical musicians, youth, and others in the performing arts, dedicated to “*Bringing Color to the Classics!*”®, through The CAAPA Cause: Community Outreach, Arts Education, Audience Development, Performance Opportunities, and Arts Partnerships. For more information, visit www.4caapa.org or call 301-839-1444.