

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION 2017

Saturday, February 4 In Our Neighborhood

12:30 pm | Centennial Hall

Film Screening: *The Once and Future Newark*

The Award-Winning Rutgers-Newark Documentary featuring Dr. Clement Alexander Price



2:00 – 4:30 pm | Centennial Hall

Panel Discussion: *Baxter Terrace & Queen of Angels*

A civic discourse with members of these formerly thriving but now defunct Newark venues, about the role of church and community in their lives, the joys and sorrows of our evolving neighborhoods and the task of picking up the pieces and moving on.

Moderators: Tracey Battles and Joyce Stafford Simmons; **Facilitator:** Barry Carter; **Baxter Terrace Panelists:** Rosemary Spears, Fred Brown, Ronald Koontz, Linda Leonard Nevels and Fateisha Mariano; **Queen of Angels Panelists:** Tracey Battles (Moderator), Evelyn Hay, Cecilia Faulks, Miles Callender, Dr. Margaret Henderson

Co-sponsored by the Rutgers-Newark Department of History and the Clement A. Price Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience.

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 – 8:00 pm | James Brown African American Room

Disenfranchisement of the Black Vote: The Voting Rights Act in 2016

Speaker: Zayid Muhammad

Sponsored F.E.W. Harper Literary Society

Saturday, February 11

2:00 – 4:30 pm | James Brown African American Room

Film Screening: *13th*

Screening and community discussion.

Panelists: Sharpe James, former Newark Mayor; Linda M. Carter, Esq.; and Ali McBride, Senior Investigator

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the James Brown African American Room.

Tuesday, February 14

6:00-8:00 pm | Centennial Hall

The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble

Reception & Performance. The Universal African Dance & Drum Ensemble, founded in 1984, will present a visually and emotionally stimulating performance representing the beauty of African culture.



Saturday, February 25

2:00 – 4:30 pm | Centennial Hall

#BlackLivesMatter- Newark 2017

A panel discussion on the city's challenges and triumphs in the areas of mental health, LGBTQ issues, incarceration, education and community activism.

Moderator: Ali McBride. **Panelists:** Dr. Adwoa Akhu, Psychologist; Gary Paul Wright, Executive Director, African American Office of Gay Concerns; Antoinette Baskerville-Richardson, Chief Education Officer, City of Newark; Bryan Epps, National Board Member, Black Lives Matter/Political Activist.



Saturday, March 11

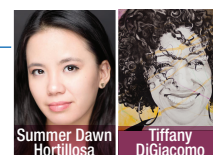
2:00 – 4:30 pm | Auditorium

Performance: *In Full Color*

Women's History Month. Performance artists weave stories and monologues into a theatrical event celebrating women of color.

Directed by Summer Dawn Hortillosa.

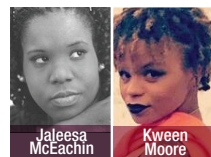
A production of Art House Productions, Jersey City, NJ



Saturday, April 22

2:00 – 4:30 pm | Auditorium

Breathing For Brea, Again: A Tribute to Brea "Bikbrry Molassez" Knight (1986–2016)



National Poetry Month. Poetry & Jazz hosted by poet Jaleesa McEachin featuring local poets including Sean Battle, Angel Crews, Yasir Hall, Hendii, Kween Moore, Shaheed K. Woods, and others and the Arts High School Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Lawrence Liggins.

Exhibit on view February 4 – April 29, 2017

2nd floor gallery

Black Perspectives [on Paper]

Selections from the Special Collections of the Newark Public Library

AL LOVING (1935-2005)
Continued Growth, 1988
Collage



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