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Artist – in – Residence
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Monday, August 31, 2015 - 7:00 p.m. Watoto De Afrika
Memphis Cultural Arts Enrichment Center founded by Donald ‘Conner, Musician/Producer. He is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. This program uses a Variety of Afro-centric literary styles and history as a foundation of its curriculum.

Thursday, September 10, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
ReShonda Tate Billingsley, Book Review/Book Signing. She is an award-winning national bestselling author and journalist. She is a graduate of the University of Texas and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Jack and Jill of America, Inc. She has authored 35 books several of which have been optioned for movies.

Thursday, October 22, 2015 - 2:40 p.m. - General Assembly
12th Annual Mass Communication Week, Lisa Dandridge, News Assignment Manager/Investigative Producer, WREG-TV, Channel 3, Memphis, Tennessee. She has produced award-winning stories and has 20 years’ experience in television. Rust Graduate ‘94.

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
Lavan Davis, a Motivational Speaker, American Singer and Actor best known for his starring role as Curtis Payne on TBS comedy/drama Tyler Perry’s House of Payne. Also, featuring Samuel Butler noted Musician/Producer and alumnus of The Blind Boys of Alabama.

Sunday, November 8, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.
149th Founders Day Convocation Speaker, Dr. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, President of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina. Dr. Fuse-Hall is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Rutgers School of Law. She has over 20 years of experience in higher education.

Sunday, December 13, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
An Evening with Mr. Vernon Jones, director and The World Renowned Rust College A’Cappella Choir. The concert features a broad repertoire of music. Also featuring, Ms. Ora Reed, international Song Stylist/Pianist.

Tuesday, January 26, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Ravi Howard, Book Review/Book Signing, author of widely acclaimed novels “Like Trees, Walking” and “Driving the King.” His television work has appeared on HBO, ESPN, Fox Sports, and NFL Network.

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Stage Production, Martin & Music featuring Gerald Rivers, the voice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and sets ablaze the words, authentic tone, and life of one of the world’s greatest Civil Rights leaders and orators, also, featuring Charles Holt, narrator and vocalist.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
The World Renowned Dayton Contemporary Dance Company presents Young, Gifted, and Black as a part of its tour performance. This is a transformative experience. This will be a three-day residency that consists of Master Classes March 14-16, 2016.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Ida B. Well’s symposium, Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Presenter, a native of Memphis, Tennessee. She’s a black feminist scholar and Anna Julia Cooper professor of Women’s studies and English at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Thursday March 24, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Musical Concert with Classical Pianist, Dr. Judith Pfeiffer. She graduated from the University of Memphis with a Doctorate in Piano Performance and hold degrees from German and French universities.

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
The Rust College Show Band will present the Soul Classic Revue. The band has branded itself as “The Rust College Storm-The Perfect Storm” under the leadership of Dr. Warren Booker, Rust Graduate ‘68.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.
Black Genesis Theatre, an ensemble of Rust College students created by Mr. Donald O’Conner to perform original theatre pieces.

Sunday - April 24, 2016 - 2:00 p.m. – Commencement