

2009-2010

Calendar

Dr. Teresa Walters Mr. Mark Tabron Mr. Galen Razzaq

REGISTRATION



Mr. Zebedee Jones & the Rust College A`Cappella Choir



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Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Motivational Speaker Mr. Mark Tabron - Mr. Mark Tabron is a distinctive and exciting speaker, author, musician and entrepreneur. He worked for what was formerly called the Washington Bullets basketball team (now the Washington Wizards) as a sales representative. Additionally, he served on the board of directors of the Washington D.C. Sports Commission. Mr. Tabron is the founder and CEO of In Season Enterprises and Tabron & Associates Financial Services. His latest accomplishment is a new book entitled You Are a Winner.



Wednesday, September 23, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Classical Musical Piano Concert - Dr. Theresa Walters

In recent years, Dr. Walters has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist on six continents and in most of the 50 United States at venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, Wigmore Hall in London, the Salle Cortot in Paris, Moscow's Great Hall, Australia's International Conservatorium and Jerusalem's Concert Hall. She has also performed at Vienna's Beethoven Festival and at Spanish music festivals in Barcelona and Madrid. She earned her Doctorate from Peabody Conservatory and was awarded an international fellowship for a year of study abroad at the Paris Conservatoire.



Thursday, October 1, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

Smith Lecture Series—Two Mississippi Writers -

Mr. John Campbell invented what is now known as "Smooth! Skin Therapy," a product marketed internationally. In 2007, he published his life story in a book called, Day Dreaming on my Cotton Sack.



Mrs. Patricia Neely-Dorsey published her first book of poetry entitled Reflections of a Mississippi Magnolia - A Life in Poems in February 2008. It emphasizes family values, family ties, friendship, love and self esteem.



Thursday, October 22, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Maurice Henderson and Kween present a Katrina Drama - Hush Harbors: Speaking the Names from Katrina - Hush Harbors explores the trials and tribulations of those who suffered and survived the Katrina Storm and Gulf Coast tragedy.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.

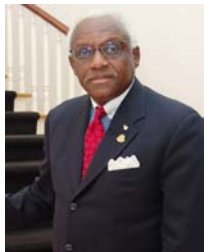
An evening with Mr. Galen Abdur-Razzaq

Galen is a talented and extraordinary flutist from Montclair, New Jersey who has performed both domestically and internationally. He is an arranger, composer, director, educator, and writer. He was given his first flute at age 10. Galen holds a master's degree from Rutgers University.



Sunday, November 15, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

143rd Founder's Day Speaker - Dr. Lesile Burl McLemore - Dr. McLemore, Rust College alumnus, '64 will be the 143rd Founder's Convocation speaker. He is a Professor of Political Science at Jackson State University in Jackson Mississippi.



Sunday, December 13, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.

An Evening with Mr. Zebedee R. Jones and the World Renown Rust College A`Cappella Choir along with the Byhalia High School Chorus, Holly Springs High School Chorus, and H.W. Byers High School Chorus presenting a Musical Variety Extravaganza - The A`Cappella



Choir, under the directorship of Mr. Jones, performs a broad repertoire of classical, spiritual, operatic and both contemporary and traditional gospel that has captured the attention of prestigious audiences world wide.

Friday-Saturday, January 15-16, 2010

The National African American Student Leadership Conference

Theme - Progressive Leadership: Taking the chains off your brain



Dr. Jeremiah Wright Prof. Sonia Sanchez Dr. Gregg Carr Dr. David Padgett

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright - Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright, Jr., President Barack Obama minister for more than 20 years, is a man of faith, a homiletic genius, a theological scholar and a pastor's pastor. As Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois he made Trinity a model for the Black Church.

Professor Sonia Sanchez - Dr. Sanchez has taught as a professor at eight universities and has lectured at over 500 college campuses across the US, including Howard University. She advocated the introduction of Black Studies courses in California. Dr. Sanchez was the first to create and teach a course based on Black Women and literature in the United States.

Dr. Gregg Carr - Dr. Carr is an Assistant Professor of Afro-American Studies at Howard University. Prior to coming to Howard, he served as the School District of Philadelphia's Program Specialist on Race and Culture, where he helped develop the district's nationally-recognized Philadelphia Freedom Schools leadership initiative.

Dr. David A Padgett - Dr. Padgett is an Associate Professor of Geography, and Director of the Geographic Information Sciences (GIS) Laboratory at Tennessee State University (TSU) in Nashville, Tennessee. He is currently in the process of building a Geography/Environmental Justice curriculum with a strong emphasis upon Service Learning. Dr. Padgett's most recent publication, "Top Cities for African Americans," is in the July 2004 issue of Black Enterprise Magazine. He has conducted GIS workshops at several colleges and universities including Howard University, Virginia State University, and the Charles R. Drew University of Science and Medicine.

Sunday, March 14, 2010 - 3:00 p.m.

Loosed to Love Again Stage Production presented by



Changing Path Theatrical Ministries and written and directed by Dr. Hurstine Wilderson - Also featuring the Rust College BSU Choir - A gospel musical play about the struggles that one young woman experiences, when the lack of love in her life is demonstrated through her encounters of rejection, abusive relationships and adverse circumstances. It reminds us that through our relationship with God we can find strength, understanding, deliverance, peace, and joy.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Starletta DuPois - Order My Steps Production - Intense,



of award-winning actress, Starletta DuPois. From the big screen to television to Broadway, this Tony Award-nominated veteran has the well-earned reputation of being "a performer's performer and a director's dream." She has performed in Rome and Japan, leaving a trail of critical raves in her wake. Her television roles includes *First Sunday*, *Big Momma's House*, *Waiting to Exhale*, *The District*, *Ricochet*, *The Steve Harvey Show*, *Cold Case*, *One Life to Live*, and many, many others.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

The Return of Ms. Millie McGhee - Secrets Uncovered - J. Edgar



Hoover the relative - Millie McGhee-Morris could not read until she was 47 years of age. She grew up in McComb, Mississippi. This courageous woman went on a mission to re-educate herself, hitting a personal tutor, attending city colleges, going to seminars, and taking classes in private schools. She earned enough credits to teach elementary school in the private sector for twelve years. Her establishment of a non-profit organization called *Young Talented Achievers, Inc.*, has both encouraged and helped thousands of students of all races achieve promising careers. She recently completed her second book, "What's Done in the Dark" and completed the work on the historical documentary of the same title.

Tuesday, February 2, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Mike Wiley presents *The Emmett Till Story* - Mr. Wiley has more than ten years in theatre for young audiences, plus film, television and regional theatre. A gifted playwright and actor, his overriding goal is expanding cultural awareness through dynamic portrayal of pivotal events to unveil a richer picture of the American experience. "Dar He: the Story of Emmett Till," chronicles the 1955 Mississippi murder, trial, and confession of the men accused of the horrific death of 14-year-old Emmett Till.



Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Frederick Douglass IV Presentation - Mr. Frederick Douglass, IV and his wife B.J., founders of The Frederick Douglass Organization (FDO) are dedicated to perpetuating the legacy of his family through lectures and speeches. Frederick IV is the great-great grandson of the former slave and abolitionist, Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey who became known as Frederick Douglas in 1838. Douglass was a famed orator, author, statesman and editor.



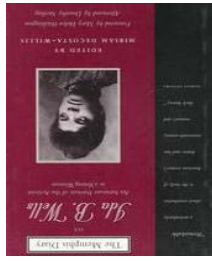
Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

Who Will Sing for Lena? Stage Production - Ms. Vanessa Adams - Harris Presents a dramatization of the life of the only woman to be executed by the state of Georgia. Lena Baker, a black woman, was sentenced to the electric chair in the 1940s after she shot and killed her employer, a white man, who she claimed threatened to kill her in an old mill where he had been holding her captive. Baker's capital murder trial was wrapped up in a day. Playwright Janice Lee Liddell was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio and is presently a professor in the Department of English at Clark Atlanta University where she also serves as the Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.



Thursday, April 8, 2010 - 2:40 p.m. - General Assembly

Ida B. Wells Symposium - Dr. Mirium DeCosta-Willis, *The Memphis Diary of Ida B. Wells* - Dr. DeCosta-Willis is the author of several books, including her most recent work, *Daughters of the Diaspora: Afro-Hispanic Writers*. She also served as an associate editor of *SAGE: A Scholarly Journal on Black Women* for ten years. She is co-founder and a former chairperson of the Memphis Black Writers Workshop. She earned her B.A. from Wellesley College in Massachusetts and later went on to earn an M.A. and Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. DeCosta-Willis was the first African American faculty member of Memphis State University in Memphis Tennessee. Ida B. Wells was an African American journalist, was an active crusader against lynching, and a champion of social and political justice for African Americans. She was born a slave in Holly Springs, Mississippi six months before the Emancipation Proclamation freed all of the slaves in Confederate states.



Sunday, April 25, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.

145th Commencement-Bishop Sally Dyck Speaker

Bishop Dyck, ordained as a United Methodist clergywoman in 1981, was consecrated a bishop in 2004 and assigned to lead the Minnesota Area of the Church beginning in September of that year. Her leadership priorities are based on the Great Commission and the Great Commission: to guide people to love God with their whole selves and daily practice spiritual disciplines and to share God's love with those who do not know God.



All events are open to the general public without charge with the exception of the programs scheduled for 1/15-16/2010 and 3/14/2010
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