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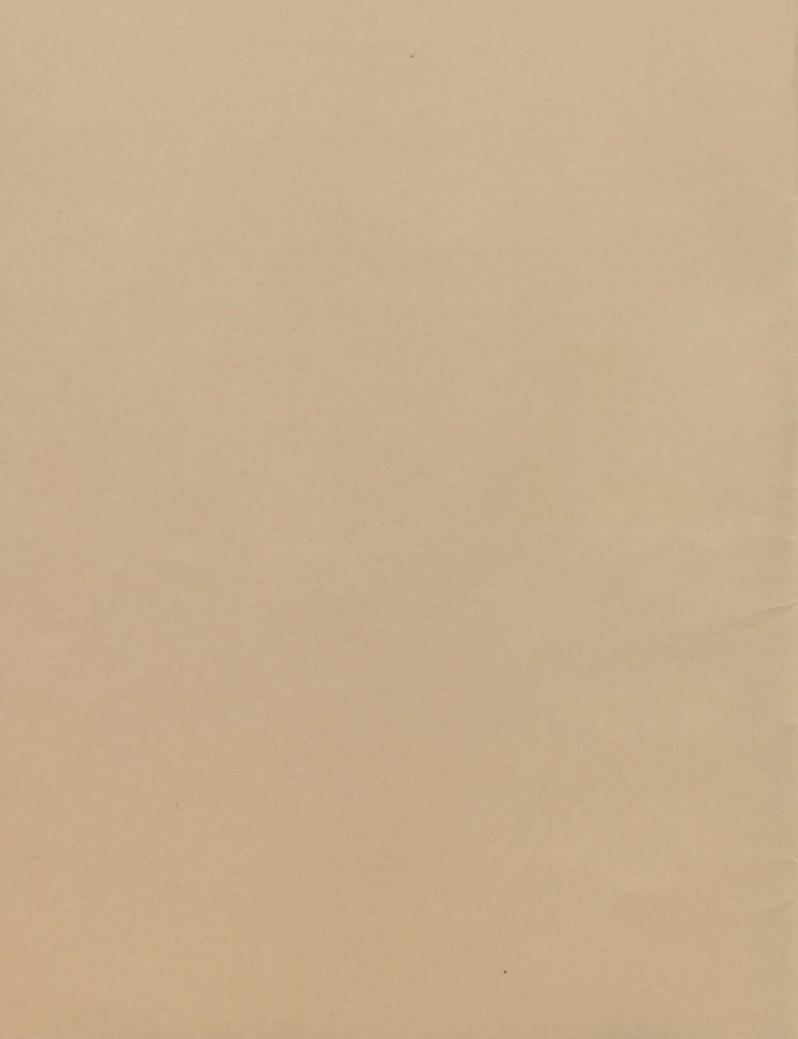
# **BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL**

**Congress of African Students** 



Versatility in Blackness

March 30 - April 5, 1980



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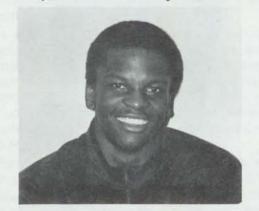
Welcome,

On behalf of the Congress of African Students (CAS), I'd like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to the 11th annual Black Arts Festival.

The theme, Versatility in Blackness, was selected because it typifies the diversity that can be found in the cultural and educational programs offered during the festival. The CAS, aware that Dickinsonians savor many different tastes, hopes to satiate them as much as possible. We hope to entertain and educate the surrounding community as well.

I am very appreciative of those who gave their support. I'd like to thank everyone who assisted in any capacity toward making this festival a success—from those who typed letters to those who contributed hundreds of dollars, to everyone who attends the events.

Finally, I'd like to ask you to do something. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the festivities.



FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Sincerely,

Charles T. Salter, Jr. Chairman, Black Arts Festival

#### The Black Arts Festival, 1980

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 DR. JOSEPH R. WASHINGTON

2:00 p.m., Memorial Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 31 WORKSHOP - GWENDOLYN BRADLEY

3:00 p.m., Memorial Hall

GWENDOLYN BRADLEY RECITAL

8:00 p.m., Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 WORKSHOP - DR. RAYMOND JACKSON

3:00 p.m., Memorial Hall

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8:00 p.m., Anita Turin Schlechter Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 CLAUDE BROWN

8:00 p.m., Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 BENJAMIN HOOKS

8:00 p.m., Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium

STUDENT TALENT SHOW

7:00 p.m., Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 OSSIE DAVIS

3:00 p.m., Anita Tuvin Schlechter Auditorium

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2:00 p.m. MEMORIAL HALL

#### DR. JOSEPH R. WASHINGTON, JR.

has a special commitment to undergraduate instruction in ethical decision making. His research and writing interests fall largely within the Afro-American inter-disciplinary field of race relations. His work pays special attention, through the disciplines of history, sociology, ethics, and theology, to the black American religious experience.

Dr. Washington, Afro-American Studies chairman at the University of Pennsylvania, is the author of numerous publications including five books: Black Religion; The Negro and Christianity in the United States; Marriage in Black and White; The Politics of God; Black and White Power Subreption; and Black Sects and Cults.

The speaker is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received a B.D. at Andover Newton Theological School and the Th. D. at Boston University. He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Vermont. Dr. Washington was chaplain at Dickinson College from 1963 to 1966.



Topic: "The Future of the Black Church in America"

#### MONDAY, MARCH 31, 8:00 p.m. ANITA TUVIN SCHLECHTER **AUDITORIUM**

#### **GWENDOLYN BRADLEY**

soprano, made her professional operatic debut in 1976 with the Lake George Opera Festival as Nanetta in "Falstaff." That same season she sang Clara in "Porgy and Bess" and Poussette in "Manon" at the festival. Since then she has sung with Central City Opera, Opera/South, the Cleveland Opera, and the Opera Company of Philadelphia.

In addition to her performances in opera, Miss Bradley is active both as a recitalist and as an orchestral soloist. She made her New York recital debut in June 1978 under the auspices of the Concert Artists Guild. She has been soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Kansas City Philharmonic, Charleston Symphony, Pittsburgh Youth Symphony, and Halle Orchestra (Germany).

Born in New York, the soprano was raised in Bishopville, South Carolina. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from the North Carolina School of the Arts and a certificate from the Curtis Institute of Music Opera Department. She was a finalist in the 1977 Metropolitan Opera National Auditions and has won numerous other prizes.



#### **PROGRAM** GWENDOLYN BRADLEY soprano THOMAS JABER piano

I attempt from Love's sickness to fly ("Indian Queen") Rosy Bowers ("Don Quixote")

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Quatre Chanson de jeunesse Pantomine Clair de Lune Pierrot

Apparition

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Regnava mel Silenzio ("Lucia de Lammermoor")

Zweignung Op. 10, No. 1 Nacht Op. 10, No. 3 Amor Op. 68, No. 5

The Little Shepherd Boy Breath of a Rose Me Company Along

Donizetti

H. Purcell H. Purcell

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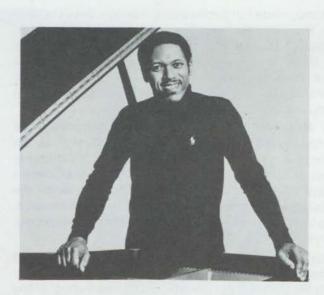
#### VERSATILITY IN BLACKNESS

# TUESDAY, APRIL 1 8:00 p.m. ANITA TUVIN SCHLECHTER AUDITORIUM

#### **RAYMOND JACKSON**

was called a "Romantic Pianist" in Vienna, Austria, "possessed of immaculate technique and extraordinary feeling." Paris critics called him "an artist of grand valor with a mellow touch, with precise and profound accent inflections. The audience was suddenly electrified." Dickinson students remember his exciting recital given last year in the midst of the TMI turmoil.

The pianist graduated summa cum laude from the New England Conservatory of Music and received the Doctor of Musica Arts degree from the Julliard School. He studied there with Ania Dorfmann. Dr. Jackson's dissertation, "The Grand Music of 20th Century Black Americans", is now a permanent part of the Julliard library.



#### Program Raymond Jackson, pianist

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Adagio in F minor §

Four Inventions §

Sonata in F minor, Opus 5

Allegro maestoso Andante espressivo Scherzo: Allegro energico Intermezzo: Andante molto Finale: Allegro moderato ma rubato

Intermission

Fantasia, Opus 3 ("Scenes of Youth") §

Polonaise (from "Chopin in Harlem")# §

In the Bottoms Suite\* (Excepts)

Prelude
Honey
Juba Dance
Two Spirituals (from Twenty-four Negro Melodies)+

Chevalier de St. Georges (1739-1799) Ulysses Kay (B. 1917)

> Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Frederick Elliot Lewis (1846-?) Hall Johnson (1888-1970) R. Nathaniel Dett\*\* (1182-1943)

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1895-1912) The music in the first and third groups, by black composers, reflect four sources of influence derived from 18th and 19th century classical forms (§), and blues (#), folk (\*), and spiritual (+) idioms.

\*\* Embellishments by Raymond Jackson

#### **PROGRAM NOTES**

• Chevalier de St. Georges (1939-1799) was born in Guadeloupe, West Indies on December 25, 1745. He was a dazzling and fascinating figure at the most splendid court in Europe - the palace of Versailles. His talents were phenomenal as a violinist, pianist, poet, musical composer, actor, swordsman, marksman, military commander, dancer, swimmer, horseman, skater, and setter of fashions for England and France. Royalty sought his presence which also expressed a rare generosity, kindness and recitude. This Adagio in F Minor is an example of simplicity and loveliness, reflecting the beauty and elegance commonly attributed to the great Mozart.

Ulysses Kay (b. 1917) is a descendant of a very musical family which included the celebrated jazz pioneer, King Oliver. Born in Tucson, Arizona, he has become one of America's most well-known and oftenperformed composers whose works are written - for the most part - in traditional forms. The **Four Inventions** (1964), in a contemporary way, reflect the **Inventions** of Bach.

- · Brahms' gigantic Sonata in F minor symphonic in scope and infused with passion grandeur, and creative energies - is even more astonishing, when one considers that it was written before he had reached the age of 20. The rhapsodic first movement, Allegro maestoso, offers two main themes - the first, vigorous and majestic, followed by a second, melodious in nature - both of which are creatively and powerfully developed. The serene second movement, Andante expressivo, follows, for which Brahms inscribed the following quotation C.O. Sternau: "The evening darkens, the moonlight gleams, / There two hearts in love entwined, / Are in ecstasy bound together." The sentimental mood of this movement in broken by the lively Scherzo. Brahms then upset all notions of remaining within a classical sonata form by interjecting a short fourth movement, Intermezzo, which he titled Ruckblick ("Retrospect"). this, too, is based on a Sternau poem where, "The lover looked back in tears from the tomb of his happiness to the enchanted time when he embraced his beloved under the roses of Spring from dusk to dawn." The stormy Finale, with its skillful polyphonic interplay, is concluded by two extended codas, thus climaxing a work that is as much a monument to love as it is to art.
- A musician of exceptional ability, Frederick Elliot Lewis proved his versatility as a performer of keyboard, string, wind and brass instruments. Born in 1846 in Boston, he gained renown as a member of symphonic orchestras and bands. Mr. Lewis was also a

teacher and composer/arranger for orchestra, band and solo instruments.

- Hall Johnson (1888-1970), founder and firector of the famous Hall Johnson Choir, contributed to the world some of the finest arrangements of Negro spirituals. Totally unknown until recent years is this piano composition which was perhaps first performed by our artist. It contains the characteristic Hall Johnson rhythmic impulse remarkably integrated with a Chopinesque style. In the middle section one fells as if Chopin has "migrated" from Poland to the middle of Harlem with the "cool" beat of the blues.
- "In the Bottoms" is a Suite of five numbers giving pictures of moods or scenes peculiar to Negro life in the river bottoms of the southern sections of North America. It is similar in its expression, and in a way a continuation of the sentiments already set forth in the "Magnolia" Suite, but suggests ideas incidental to life in a more peculiar geographic territory. Niether Suite, like Dvorak's famour "New World Symphony", is dependant for its effect upon the introduction of folksongs, either in their natural, or in a highly developed form. As it is quite possible to describe the traits, habits, and customs of a people without using the vernacular, so is it similarly possible to musically portray racial peculiarities without the use of national tunes of folk-songs. "In the Bottoms," then, belongs to that class of music known as "Program music" or "music with a poetic basis." The source of the "program" or "poetic basis" has already been referred to, and the following notes are appended to show that its relation to the music is intimate.

Not 1 Prelude - is nightfall.

No. 3 Honey - Literally, "Honey" is a colloquialism - the familiar term of endearment (South).

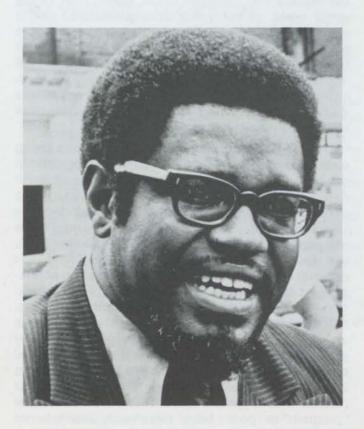
No. 5 Dance - This is probably the most characteristic number of the Suite, as it portrays more of the social life of the people.

• Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912) was England's musical phenomenon of the early twentieth century. Born of an African father and English mother, be became outstanding as a composer, arranger, and conductor, compared by many to the greatest European masters.

Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson (b. 1932) has successfully combined a many-faceted musical career on both the east and west coasts, as a composer, arranger and conductor.

#### **VERSATILITY IN BLACKNESS**

# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 8:00 p.m. ANITA TUVIN SCHLECHTER AUDITORIUM



#### **CLAUDE BROWN**

writer and playwright, is author of Manchild in the Promised Land and The Children of Ham. He has written..."as for biographical material, I have none. I have never felt that it was necessary, since I became famous for writing my autobiography." That autobiography is Manchild in the Promised Land which he completed as an undergraduate at Howard University.

On his way to an education, Claude Brown was sent three times to the New York State Training School for Boys. While working fulltime in the New York garment district during the day, he started attending evening hig school and received a diploma in 1958. After Howard he received a law degree from Rutgers University School of Law.

In New Jersey he became active in government and politics, working within the Civil Courts.

Topic: "The College Campus Phase of the Black Equality Struggle"

# THURSDAY, APRIL 3 8:00 p.m. ANITA TUVIN SCHLECHTER AUDITORIUM

#### **BENJAMIN HOOKS**

on August 1, 1977 became executive director of the NAACP after being unanimously elected earlier in the year by the NAACP National Board of Directors. Previously he was a commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. Hooks attended LeMoyne College and Howard University and received his J.D. degree from DePaul University, College of Law in 1948. He is a Life Member of the NAACP and has served on the Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Tennessee Council on Human Relations. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Judicial Council of the NBA.

The speaker has pursued a varied career. He is a licensed minister, businessman, and lawyer. He is pastor on leave from the Middle Baptist Church in Memphis and the Greater New Moriah Baptist Church in Detroit. Mr. Hooks was co-founder and vice president of the Mutual Federal Savings and Loan Association of Memphis, at the same time he worked both in law and the ministry. The speaker has been a judge and a television producer and panelist.



Topic: "The Outlook on the 80s for Black America and Role that Black Americans Will Play."

#### **VERSATILITY IN BLACKNESS**

# FRIDAY, APRIL 4 7:00 p.m. ANITA TUVIN SCHLECHTER AUDITORIUM

#### **TALENT SHOW**

Welcome

Mistress of Ceremonies

Piano Solo

Solo

Reading

Solo

Intermission (8 minutes)

Selections

Dance Solo

**Dramatic Interpretation** 

Solo

Frances Fernandez
Frances Fernandez
Patience Bonner
Kevin Johnson
Pamela Foster
Charles T. Salter Jr.

Gospel Choir Michelle Arter Charles T. Salter, Jr. Linda Fisher

# SATURDAY, APRIL 5 3:00 p.m. ANITA TUVIN SCHLECHTER AUDITORIUM

#### **OSSIE DAVIS**

was born in Cogdell, Georgia and went to high school in Waycross, Georgia before going to Howard University. He left Howard for New York and a career in the theatre making his Broadway debut in **Jeb.** Mr. Davis also played Gabriel in **Green Pastures** and Walter Lee Younger in **A Raisin in the Sun.** He wrote and starred in **Purlie Victorious** in which his wife, Ruby, was co-starred. He also has performed extensively on television and directed several major films.

Besides acting and writing, Ossie Davis is very much involved in lecturing and performing dramatic readings for educational, religious, and civic groups.

Mr. Davis has received honorary doctorates from Howard University and Wilberforce University. He has been a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award and the Frederick Douglass Award.



Topic: "An Afternoon of Black Culture"

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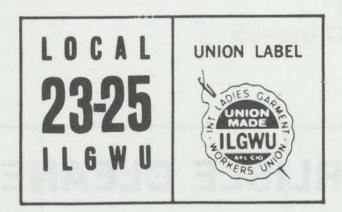
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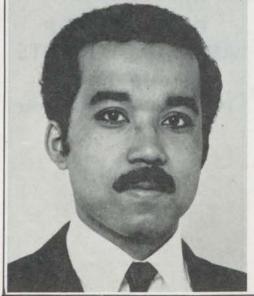
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