



Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts

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Eve of Congressional Black Caucus Event Offers Obama's Agenda of Creative Expression

“Melody of Art” offers music, art, poetry, food and a mixed drink called the “Operatini” on the eve of one the nation’s most exciting conventions on Capitol Hill.

(WASHINGTON, DC - September 14, 2010) Walk the *Red Carpet* at this year’s annual Reception & Fundraiser sponsored by the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) <http://www.4caapa.org>, as they recognize the 40th Annual Legislative Conference and invites arts lovers and politicians to support African American Classical Musicians, Visual Artists and Poets at a showcase entitled “Melody of Art”. The event takes place on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Bobby McKey’s, 172 Fleet Street, National Harbor, Maryland, 10 minutes south of Washington, DC, 1 block from the Gaylord Hotel.

The free business attire evening also includes a cash bar featuring CAAPA’s signature drink, the “Operatini” which, when ordered, benefits the coalition in support of African American classical musicians. This year’s event also features nationally acclaimed visual artists Frank Frazier, Larry Poncho Brown and others, door prizes and gifts and pays tribute to music supporters Dr. J. Weldon Norris, Conductor of the Howard University Choir and Rev. Dr. Delores Carpenter; General Editor of the *African American Heritage Hymnal*. The reception will also feature classical musicians including Metropolitan Opera soprano Angela Simpson, Washington National Opera tenor Wayne Jennings, Oprah Winfrey's "The Color Purple" Associate Conductor Victor Simonson and mezzo Yolanda Bryant, as well as jazz musician Vaughn McClarrin. Kindly RSVP to secure name on Guest List and complimentary tickets to info@4caapa.org or caapa@aol.com. Donation and membership information may be obtained at <http://www.4caapa.org>.