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FESTIVAL, INC.

Presents

BLACK HISTORY
CELEBRATION



February 25, 2024

4 pm to 6 pm

Lawrenceville Arts Center



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Welcome and thank you for attending AACAF's inaugural Black History Celebration Program.

This event is a celebration of Black artistry that centers youth talent. Today you will experience Black history, culture, arts, and creativity.

We are grateful to our teachers for dedicating time and care today and every day to ensure our children learn more about and celebrate their history and culture. We are thankful for the teachers who give our young performers an opportunity to showcase their and who made this event possible. We honor our families for encouraging their children to celebrate Black history, culture and arts. Most importantly, we appreciate and celebrate the courage, creativity and artistry of each of the performers.

We would also like to extend a thank you to our volunteers, donors, sponsors and community vendors who have each contributed to making this event a success.

Enjoy the show!

African American Culture and Arts Festival, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established for the purpose of conducting events and hosting activities that showcase African American culture and arts. Please visit our website at AACAF.NET to learn more.



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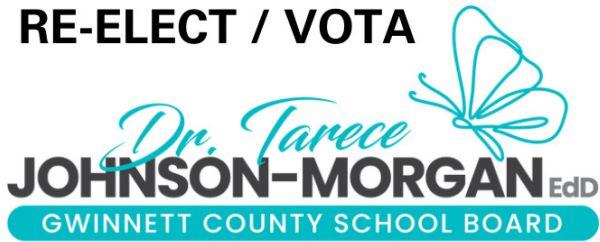
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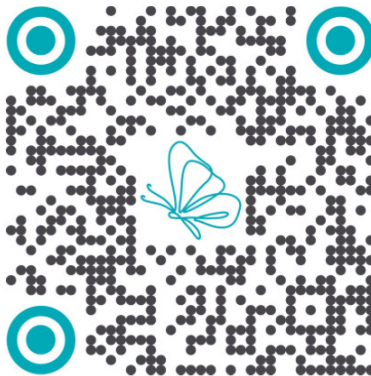
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BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION PROGRAM

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Andy Morgan

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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Performed by Taylor Elementary Students and instructed by music teacher Mr. Gregory Thompson

WELCOME & RECOGNITIONS

City of Lawrenceville Mayor: David Still

Lawrenceville City Council Members: Marlene Taylor Crawford, Victoria Jones, Austin Thompson, and Bruce Johnson

PERFORMANCES - SESSION A

- “*We Shall Overcome*” and “*Short'nin Bread*”: Performed by Taylor Elementary Students and instructed by music teacher Mr. Gregory Thompson
- “*A Change Is Gonna Come*”: Performed by Jada Sanford, Autumn Cannon and Kemeel Basden - Students of the School of the Arts @ Central Gwinnett High School Dance Conservatory and Choreographed by Dance Department Chair Mr. Lonnie Davis
- “*Tribute to Dr. Martin L. King Jr.*”: Performed by the students of the Mr. Jam Club and instructed by Mr. Frank Buckley
- “*Wade in the Water*”: Performed by Titan Dance & STEP Team is a Gospel Piece Choreographed by Ms. Shanelle Freeman (A Tribute to Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre) – Baggett Elementary Dance
- “*I Won't Get Up*”: Performed by Tamani Aberkane is an Original Poem/Monologue written by Ms. Shanelle Freeman (A Tribute to Rosa Parks) – Baggett Elementary Dance
- “*Hip Hop Dance Mix*”: Performed by SLAX - Skye, Laila, Abrianna, Xolani
- Spoken word: Performed by the students of the Mr. Jam Club and instructed by Mr. Frank Buckley
- “*Get Jiggy With It*”: Performed by the students of the Mr. Jam Club and instructed by Mr. Frank Buckley
- “*Amazing Grace*”: Performed on Steel Pans by Dr. Gary Fisher, Music Teacher at Baggett Elementary

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION EVENT PROGRAM

INTERMISSION

PERFORMANCES - SESSION B

- “*Road to Freedom*”; and “*Kumbaya*”: Performed by Taylor Elementary Students and instructed by music teacher Mr. Gregory Thompson
- “*It Don't Mean a Thing*”: Performed by Amayah Walker and Choreographed by Ms. Shanelle Freeman (A Tribute to Josephine Baker) – Baggett Elementary Dance
- “Titan Dance & STEP Team”: Choreographed by Ms. Shanelle Freeman and Assistant Coach Shenisa Ennis (A Tribute to HBCU Culture) – Baggett Elementary Dance
- “*Sability*”: Performed by McClure High School Students Eniola Jaiyesimi, Jada Philips, Tiffany Pulley, and Aretha Reid; Choreography by Eniola Jaiyesimi and instructed by Arts Teacher Mrs. Annie Bunch
- “*Still I Rise*” by Maya Angelou; and “*Rise Up*” by Andra Day: Performed by Starling Elementary Theatre Arts Students and instructed by Drama Teacher Mrs. Mickie Lewis
- “African Drum and Dance”: Performed by the Students of Each One Teach One Home School Collective and instructed by Mrs. Nikita Simmons Bush
- Choreopoem - Tribute to Harriet Tubman: “*Take My Hand*”: Poem written by Tarece Johnson-Morgan and Choreographed by Xaviera Pace

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