

# NATIONAL NEWS



**Kennedy Center Concert for Nation's 105 Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Choir**, 105 Voices from the 105 HBCU Community in song with **Shirley Caesar Host: A national legend:** 11 Grammy Awards, 18 Dove Awards, 14 Stellar Awards and Most Visible Gospel Singer in the World.

***"Lifting Voices for Health, Leadership, Diversity and Economic Empowerment"***

The Nation's 1st Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Choir., THE 105 VOICES OF HISTORY, will host A World Class 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Performance for the Arts, in celebration of Legends and Legacies of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The choir will feature selected 105 Voices from the 105 HBCU Community. In song with the 105 Voices: Event 2010 Host Dr. Shirley Caesar and Guest Artist Kim Burrell - Gospel / Jazz Artist, BET Sunday Best, known as today's Ella Fitzgerald. This electrifying event will showcase some of the most talented singers from the HBCUs presenting an American legacy grounded in African-American culture. To complement the choir performances, there will be stunning featured solos.

This unprecedented partnership with The Kennedy Center brings together the historical, cultural and inspirational Voices of the Nation's Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs) led by some of the most prolific HBCU choir conductors. Culture, history and community will join hands together at this world class concert of 105 NEW Selected Voices for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual performance of a grand display of talent by HBCU students in an extraordinary collaboration with The Kennedy Center's Performing Arts for Everyone.

Tickets: 105 Voices of History: [www.hbcuchoirs-105.org](http://www.hbcuchoirs-105.org) or The John F. Kennedy Center, Washington D.C. , Concert Hall Event is by ticket only. Tickets purchase at the Kennedy Center Box Office or Charge by Phone (202) 467-4600 Online at Kennedy-Center.org / TTY (202) 416-8524 Groups Sales Call (202) 416-8400

We are especially excited that the Colleges and Universities selected the student voice from their University to celebrate the joy of singing in support of social concerns, says Renata Toni Roy, Founder of Partners Achieving Success -- 105 Voices of History. Our goal is to increase diversity and inclusion, thereby creating opportunities, resources and partnerships that ensure national recognition and support of HBCU legacies. Strategic partnerships will support the long-standing tradition for present and future generations of America's young students of color. The performance will be comprised of various music genres led by four nationally recognized HBCU conductors and 105 newly selected talented voices representing HBCUs throughout the country.

The 2010 Kennedy Center Concert Featured Conductors are: Dr. Wayne Barr-Tuskegee University - European Classical, Dr. Curtis Powell- Delaware State University - Spirituals, Professor D'Walla Burke Winston Salem State Carolina University - African American Composers and Professor Jeremy Winston-Wilberforce College - Gospel/Jazz.

2010 HBCU - Kennedy Center National Honorary Chairs, Dr. Louis Sullivan, Founder, President Emeritus Morehouse School of Medicine, Ms. Phylcia Rashad, Renowned Actress and Howard University Graduate, Honorable Rodney Slater, Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation & Patton and Boggs, Mr. Ernest Green, Principal-, Ms. Jessye Norman, renowned opera singer - Howard University Graduate, Ms. Cathy Hughes- **Ms. Cathy Hughes, Honorary Chair Founder /CEO Radio-TV One** and Honorable Joan Pratt- Baltimore City Comptroller. 2010 Kennedy Center HBCU Event Chair; Mr. Floyd Green, Director of Community Relations Aetna Inc.

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The concert will be preceded by a National Health Walk on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from the Nation's Capital to the Lincoln Memorial with the participation of Alumni, Organizations and Ministries. The walk will close with the 105 Voices in song at the Lincoln Memorial and scholarship presentations. "Walk for "105 Ways to Healthy HBCUs, Scholars and Campuses"  
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