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CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (CAPAC)

A Message from CAPAC's Executive Director



Denise McNeil-McPhail

Razzle-dazzle costumes, a stellar-talented cast, the performance of a play that is a staple of literature, and an opportunity to unfold and discover the talent of our youth in dance and drama, as well as promote the advancement of the Arts in our community – that makes up the CAPAC experience, and what an experience it has become!

Please schedule your calendars to join CAPAC for the exciting performance of "Terrible Terry's Surprise" – by Claire Boike. This play is about a student who finds it difficult to value a good education, until the tables are turned and the student becomes the teacher and has to deal with unruly students who do not want to cooperate. This play mirrors the goals of Effective School Wide Discipline (respect to self, staff, peers and building) that is being implemented in the public school system. The play is directed by Kristel McLaughlin and Catrina Stroman is our Dance Choreographer. The play will be performed by talented youth ages 7-17. Please come out to support our intelligent, dedicated, talented young people. The students have participated in four

weeks of drama/dance workshops at Northern Virginia Community College that provided them instructions on basic theatre techniques, character articulation, stage presence, basic dance techniques, creative movement, rhythm and coordination and how to have fun. The workshops will culminate with a performance. The performance is free to the public at the Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Building Auditorium on Saturday, October 25 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CAPAC is excited to have the opportunity to present the play, *The Amen Corner*, by James Baldwin. This play tells the story of a real life relationship between a Pentecostal pastor and her rebellious son. The family drama unfolds as the congregation of a Harlem storefront church sings gospel together – and slowly falls apart. The play premiered at Howard University in 1954 and on Broadway in 1965.

Our cast is filled with impeccable local talent. Please visit our Web site at www.capacweb.org to learn more about the *The Amen Corner* cast members. Mr. Albert Williams is our artistic director. Mr. Tyrell Lashely the Stage Manager and Mr. Wesely Phillips our Music Director.

We invite you to our Opening Night performance on Friday,

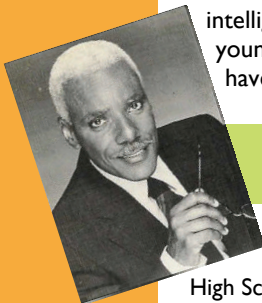
November 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. This performance will be preceded by a "Meet the Cast Dessert Reception" from 6:15 p.m. until 6:45 p.m., sponsored by Old Country Buffet.

Other performances will be Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. This performance will be especially for our Senior Citizens age 65 and older. They will be treated to a "Meet the Cast Dessert Reception" from 2:15 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. The second performance on Saturday night will be at 7 p.m. Our final weekend of performances will be November 14, 2008 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for general admission and \$8.00 for seniors and students. They can be purchased at A2G Music, 14800 Build America Drive in Woodbridge or by calling 703-490-1715. Tickets can also be purchased online at – www.capacweb.org.

We look forward to you coming out and supporting CAPAC in our fall productions. We can feel the excitement in the air. Curtains Up!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Youth Creative Arts Workshops Oct 4, 11, 18, 25
- "The Amen Corner" Nov 7, 8, 14, 15



Our Director is Albert Williams, a Woodbridge native. He attended Manassas Regional High School, Howard University and Pace University in New York City. Williams shared the same acting teacher as Shelley Winters, Marlon Brando, Harry Belafonte and Tony Curtis. He appeared in numerous Off Broadway plays, including *You Can't Take It With*

You, Big Time Buck White, The Billy Holiday Story, The Clay House, and Edna St. Vincent Milay's Aira de Carpo. On TV, Williams appeared on *The Guiding Light, All My Children and One Life to Live* as well as *New York Undercover* and *Law and Order*. Williams had a recurring role as a vendor on *The Cosby Show*.

Artistic Director's Corner



First of Six 'The Amen Corner' Performances is Nov. 7

Son's Rebellion Set to Gospel Music, Depicted on Woodbridge Stage

CAPAC will present "**The Amen Corner**," written by James Baldwin and directed by Mr. Albert Williams, Artistic Director, who came to CAPAC from the New York stage to direct this play and Mr. Wesley Phillips is the Music Director accompanied by his choir.

The Amen Corner tells the story of a real life relationship between a Pentecostal pastor and her rebellious son. The family drama unfolds as the congregation of a Harlem storefront church sings gospel together – and slowly falls apart. The play premiered at Howard University in 1954, and opened on Broadway in 1965. It is produced by CAPAC by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

The cast includes: Terrie Edwards, Von Booker, Crystal Arful-Addoh, Yunassea Battle, Carla

Braxton, Terraine Crumity, Pam Hall, Tabitha Mann, Kristel McLaughlin, Mary Montgomery, Chauncy Reed, Quentin Warren and Beverly Williams. The Stage Manager for *The Amen Corner* is Mr. Tyrell Lashley. Tyrell had the pleasure to manage the, The Amen Corner as a student at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC, where he studied vocal music. Mr. Lashley is a graduate of Ithaca College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Theatre Arts Management. The Technical Director is Tommy Johnson, Assistant Technical Director is Christopher Terrell, Costume Consultant is, Margaret Plenty and Walter Holmes is the Set Designer.

The Amen Corner will run for six performances over two weekends at the Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Building Auditorium, 15941 Donald Curtis Drive in Woodbridge. The Amen Corner is "Produced

by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC."

Our Opening Night is Friday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a dessert reception which will be from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm where you will be able to "Meet the Cast."

Our Senior Citizen Performance is Saturday, November 8, at 3:00 p.m. The performance will be especially for our senior citizens, age 55 and older. There will be a dessert reception from 2:00 pm to 2:45 p.m., where you will be able to "Meet the Cast."

Three other performances are Friday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday November 15 at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$12.00 for general admission and \$8.00 for seniors 65 and older and students. Tickets are available at A2G Music, 14800 Build America Drive in Woodbridge. Call 703-490-1715. Tickets are also available online at www.capacweb.org.

Welcome New Members

On behalf of the Creative and Performing Arts Center membership and the Board of Directors, it is our pleasure to welcome our new **CAPAC** members and to offer thanks for your enthusiasm and interest in our organization. We are delighted

you have decided to join us as we continue to do our part to enrich the Prince William County community and surrounding jurisdictions.

Crystal Arful-Addoh
Rhonda Copeland Lyle & Family

Angelica K. Epps
Kendra L. Mayweather
Beverly Williams & Family

Volunteer Power

CAPAC is only as strong as our volunteers. Become an all important volunteer today and your contributions will help us provide the rich quality of diverse cultural arts activities and events we want to bring to the Prince William area. Act, dance, sing, paint, usher, type, sell tickets and more! Call 703-441-2479.

How Can I Help?

CAPAC is seeking sponsors to help defray the cost of current and future productions. Being a sponsor of CAPAC and these performances or an advertiser in our program denotes your interest in promoting diversity in the arts in Prince William County.

•Be a Sponsor

•For \$500.00 in support, GOLD SPONSORS receive:

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- Free half page ad in the program
- Name or company's names mentioned at the program
- Two complimentary tickets for our reserved seating section

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- Name and/or company logo on the program
- Free fourth page ad in the program
- One complimentary ticket for our reserved seating section

•Please make check payable to CAPAC Inc., and send to CAPAC, Inc. P.O. Box 4970 Woodbridge, Virginia 22194-4970. CAPAC is a 501 (3) (c) organization. For more information Call (703) 441-2479.

Join Us!

Become a member of the Creative and Performing Arts Center Inc. (CAPAC) today, and you'll be joining the many individuals who are helping us grow as a diverse arts organization in the Prince William area!

CAPAC is a not-for-profit, tax exempt, 501c3 charitable organization. Our mission is to provide educational excellence and quality entertainment through the arts while inspiring the community to partici-

pate in cultural diversity.

Call 703-441-2479 or visit us at www.capacweb.org.



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Upcoming CAPAC Performances/Events

October 4, 11, 18, 25 Youth Creative Arts Workshops, Woodbridge Campus, Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA)

For more information, check our website, www.capacweb.org or call 703-441-2479.

November 7, 8, 14, 15 "The Amen Corner," Ferlazzo Building Auditorium, Woodbridge.

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CAPAC History

CAPAC was conceived March 16, 2002 in Prince William County, Virginia by a group of concerned citizens. The CAPAC Board of Directors is comprised of citizens throughout the greater Washington DC area who understand the need for diversity and artistic enrichment in Prince William County and surrounding areas. The individuals believed something should be done to provide cultural diversity in the Performing and Visual Arts in the Greater Prince William County area. From a great deal of discussion by the group, the collective opinion was to start a Performing and Visual Arts program. This program would be active year around. CAPAC is a non-profit, tax exempt, 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. CAPAC is an organization for people who love the arts. It is designed for the enjoyment of all people. As an Arts Institute CAPAC provides programming for children, teens and adults. The programs will include drama, dance and art workshops, plays, poetry readings, auditions, musicals, recitals, arts festivals, summer camps and more. The program will enhance the poem within, the vision in a painting, the movement in dance, the melody of a song and the feeling of self expression.

Our Mission is to provide educational excellence and quality entertainment through the arts while inspiring the community to participate in cultural diversity.

We are on the web!
www.capacweb.org

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