



MEDIA ALERT

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Celebrate Jackson Ward: Past, Present, and Future Updated Schedule

May 19, 2016 – Richmond, Virginia: Due to inclement weather and unseasonably low temperatures expected throughout the day into the evening, the Saturday performances for Celebrate Jackson Ward: Past, Present, and Future will move inside to Richmond Alternative School located right next to Abner Clay Park at 119 W Leigh St, Richmond, VA 23220. All performances from 12:00 – 6:00pm on Saturday will take place in the school's auditorium. The Richmond Symphony's performance originally scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at 7:00pm has been rescheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 6:00pm under the Big Tent in Abner Clay Park. The Symphony will perform an eclectic program of music that reflects the communities of Jackson Ward with Virginia Repertory Theatre, Elegba Folklore Society, and Celebrate Jackson Ward Community Choir. The pre-show performance presented by Richmond Jazz Society of saxophonist JOHNNY HOUSTON & SWAGGER will begin at 5:00pm.

Friday night's activities will proceed as planned at Abner Clay Park with Art 180's *Really Big Show* kicking off the festival at 5:00pm. Sunday's original line-up will also proceed as planned.

Additional Sunday, May 22 Updates: Beer and wine vendors have been rescheduled to Sunday, May 22 from 1 – 8pm.

See below for an updated list of weekend performances:

Friday, May 20 at Abner Clay Park:
Art 180's *Really Big Show*

5:00 – 7:30pm

Saturday, May 21 at Richmond Alternative School:
The Chorus of Friends and Bells of Friends

noon – 6:00pm
12:00 – 1:00pm

Friends Association for Children
TheatreLAB – excerpts from “Lady Day” featuring Katrinah Lewis
City Dance Theatre
TRAIN EXPRESS – Virginia Repertory Theatre/Cadence Theatre

Drums No Guns 1:00 – 3:00pm
Life’s Dream Music and Production School

Daughters and Sons of Muntu 3:00 – 4:00pm
Richmond Youth Jazz Guild

Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site 4:15 – 6:00pm
One Voice Chorus Ensemble
Ezibu Muntu African Dance & Cultural Foundation

Sunday, May 22 at Abner Clay Park: noon – 8:00pm
Charles Gilpin Theatre Group 1:30 – 2:30pm
Dance Candle Academy of Performing and Sacred Arts

Ebenezer Baptist Church Children’s Choir 2:30 – 4:20pm
Ebenezer Baptist Church – Praise/Liturgical Dance
St Paul’s Baptist Church Male Chorus

Community Celebration 4:30 – 4:50pm

Closing Remarks 4:50 – 5:00pm

NEW TIME: Richmond Jazz Society Ensemble: 5:00 – 5:30pm
JOHNNY HOUSTON & SWAGGER

NEW TIME: Richmond Symphony Orchestra 6:00 – 8:00pm
with Virginia Repertory Theatre, Elegba Folklore Society,
and Celebrate Jackson Ward Community Choir

Richmond Symphony Program:

Steven Smith, conductor
Festival Chorus
Elegba Folklore Society
Virginia Repertory Theatre

ROSAMOND J. JOHNSON Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing
arr. Roland Carter **Festival Chorus**

VARIOUS Praise Song
Festival Chorus
Elegba Folklore Society

TRADITIONAL	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Festival Chorus
JAMES P. JOHNSON	Drums: A Symphonic Poem
VARIOUS	Collaboration with Elegba Elegba Folklore Society
FLORENCE PRICE	Symphony No. 3 in C Minor: MVT III only III Juba
HENRY KRIEGER	"When I First Saw You" from <i>Dreamgirls</i> Virginia Repertory Theatre
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN	Some Enchanted Evening from <i>South Pacific</i> Virginia Repertory Theatre
RUSSEL, WILLIS, AND BRAY	"The Color Purple" from <i>The Color Purple</i> Virginia Repertory Theatre
NORMAN WARD arr. Rothrock	America the Beautiful Festival Chorus
PETER WILHOUSKY	Battle Hymn of the Republic Festival Chorus
ELLINGTON/STRAYHORN arr. Jeff Tyzik	The Essential Ellington: Music of Ellington and Strayhorn

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