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Six Sweet Picks!

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Sharing the love on Valentine's weekend! ♥

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Dear Matthew,

Here are this week's **Six Picks** to keep you connected to the world of performing arts. Find more links like these on our website. Enjoy!



Ladysmith Black Mambazo Concert

Sat., Feb. 13, 8 p.m.

Few artists can lift your spirits like South Africa's multi-Grammy-winners Ladysmith Black Mambazo. The group has recorded a special concert at the eWushwini Arts Centre in their hometown of Durban, South Africa. Singing and dancing against the stunning backdrop of the Inanda Dam and surrounding mountains, you'll be transported from your home to the magnificent beauty of South



CeeLo Green Concert

Sat., Feb. 13, 9 p.m.

CeeLo Green will serenade fans with a pre-Valentine's Day concert from his Atlanta home. He will broadcast an intimate livestream dubbed "In the Spirit of Love." He's expected to perform hits including "Crazy" and "Forget You," as well as some of his favorite cover songs.



Harlem Gospel Choir

Sun., Feb. 14, 7 p.m.

Performing contemporary gospel with a touch of jazz and blues, The World Famous Harlem Gospel Choir is synonymous with power vocals, glorious sound and infectious energy. For over two decades they have been America's premier gospel choir and have toured the globe thrilling audiences with the inspirational power of black gospel music.

Africa. Need more convincing?
See the [trailer!](#)



Josh Groban Concert

Sun., Feb. 14, 8 p.m.

Spend this Valentine's Day with Josh at his upcoming virtual concert! Shot in Los Angeles, the show will be an evening of Josh's most romantic songs, plus some all-time favorites.



Smuin Contemporary Ballet

Available to stream thru Feb. 14

The San Francisco company knows you can still get your sexy on during a pandemic. Long disDANCE Love is a joyful virtual performance featuring classic Michael Smuin works both romantic and frisky. This program has something delightful for lovebirds of all kinds, from the red-hot "Fever" solo to passionate tango, yearning love duets, and more.



Tibet House Benefit Concert

Wed., Feb. 17, 8 p.m.

An impressive line-up of performers has been announced for the 34th annual Tibet House Benefit Concert, with composer Philip Glass returning as artistic director. The Dalai Lama will open the celebratory concert, which takes place on the Tibetan New Year. All proceeds benefit the Tibet House US, a non-profit center based in New York, that is dedicated to preserving – and educating others – about Tibetan culture.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Langston Hughes Project

Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz
Starring the Ron McCurdy quartet

Feb. 19-28, with a live Zoom Q&A on 3/1, 7:30 p.m.

The Langston Hughes Project is a multimedia concert performance of Langston Hughes's kaleidoscopic jazz poem suite, *Ask Your Mama* – Hughes's homage in verse and music to the struggle for artistic and social freedom at home and abroad at the beginning of the 1960s. *Ask Your Mama* is a twelve-part epic poem which Hughes scored with musical cues drawn from blues and Dixieland, gospel songs, boogie woogie, bebop and progressive jazz, Latin "cha cha" and Afro-Cuban mambo music, German lieder, Jewish liturgy, West Indian calypso, and African drumming — a creative masterwork left unperformed at his death.

This joyous celebration of music, spoken word and visuals is performed by the impressively versatile Dr. Ron McCurdy (as narrator and on trumpet) and his talented group of musicians (on piano, bass and drums) who make heads bob, fingers snap and feet tap throughout!

To register for the Q&A, please email cca@maine.edu. We'll follow up with viewing details.

A note from the UMaine Foundation:**Our number one concern is that you and your family are safe and healthy.**

This is a challenging time for everyone. Many of our alumni and friends have asked us what they can do to help. In these times, we come together to help where we can. The University of Maine will be facing tremendous financial challenges going forward, any gift that you make will help.

Thank you for your consideration and take care,
Jeffery N. Mills '82, Ph.D., President/CEO
University of Maine Foundation

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