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Black History Month selections continue!

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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!



iHeartRadio's Living Black
Sat., Feb. 20, 6 p.m.

It's a one-night special featuring performances by today's biggest hip-hop, R&B, and gospel music artists. Produced by the Emmy and Grammy award-winning producer Rikki Hughes, the event will weave exclusive performances into a powerful audio and visual celebration of the Black experience – featuring artists, actors, creators, and Black leaders who have shaped culture. Jhené Aiko, Roddy Ricch, 21 Savage, and Kirk Franklin will be among the headliners.



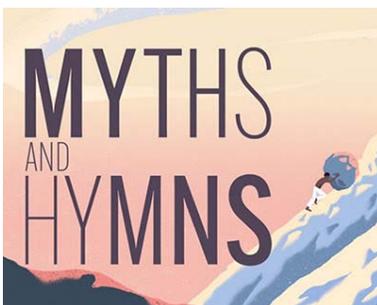
Danish String Quartet (A CCA favorite!)
Sun., Feb. 21, 2 p.m.

The Quartet makes its Blacksburg debut with the world premiere of a new Copenhagen recording. The musical journey through profound beauty, darkness, and triumph features a Bach fugue and chorale prelude, a Webern string quartet, and the Quartet's own internationally beloved Nordic folk music. Members of the ensemble participate in a live Q&A session following the performance.



Thoughts of a Colored Man
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

Playwright Keenan Scott II will perform a selection of excerpts from his Broadway-bound play. *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, which weaves spoken word, slam poetry, and rhythm into a mosaic of the inner lives of Black men, is told over the course of a single day in the heart of Brooklyn, as the "hopes, sorrows, fears, and joys of seven men reverberate far beyond the barbershops and basketball courts of their community.



Myths and Hymns - Chapter 2: WORK
Available starting Wed., Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Award-winning composer Adam Guettel's theatrical song cycle, *Myths and Hymns* was inspired by Greek myths and a 19th-Century Presbyterian hymnal. This is part 2 of a kaleidoscopic collection of musical genres that explore the nature of faith and longing in a secular world – and the possibility of finding fulfillment through dedication, striving, and struggle.



Cinderella - 90s style
Read and watch anytime!

Starting today, Disney Plus is offering Brandy's *Cinderella*, a multicultural event that was groundbreaking in 1997. Is it still as wonderful as it seemed in the 90s? Read this interesting article by TheaterMania, then order some pizza and watch for yourself!



Composers in Focus: Tania León
Watch anytime

The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center welcomes Tania León and offers audiences a rare opportunity to sit in on an intimate conversation between Tania and oboist James Austin Smith. This webinar-style presentation includes live, real-time conversations with Tania as well as pre-recorded performances of her work *A La Par for Piano and Percussion*.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Langston Hughes Project

Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz

Starring the Ron McCurdy quartet

Available now through Feb. 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 live Zoom Q&A, please email cca@maine.edu. We'll follow up with viewing details.

A note from the UMaine Foundation:

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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.

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