

2011

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

MAYOR'S EVENTS

DCA MUSIC LA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CLASSES

Sponsored by The Walt Disney Company and The Nielsen Company



Music LA celebrates African American Heritage Month by hosting free music classes for elementary, middle, and high school students presented by Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, The Walt Disney Company, The Nielsen Company, and the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). The Music LA Program has partnered with professional music education providers to create four unique music programs that will expose youth to the diverse landscape of African and/or African American music and culture.

Students will learn basic principles of music through hands-on instrumental and vocal classes based in selected curricula. Courses in various musical genres will be offered at the four Music LA sites, including West-African Djembe, Afro-Caribbean Percussion, Jazz fundamentals, a study of the music and discography by Nina Simone, as well as the music of American funk band, "The Meters" and the sounds and influences of New Orleans. Student participation will include performance training in an ensemble setting through workshops and rehearsals. After eight to ten weeks of instruction, all students will take part in free culminating performances for family and friends.

All DCA Music LA African American Heritage Month classes are designed to celebrate African American culture, foster pride and understanding of African American music traditions, and are free for youth ages 5 to age 18. Musical instruments will be provided for Beginners. Intermediate to Advanced students are encouraged to bring their own instruments. Please contact a Music LA site below for class schedules, enrollment details, and to pre-register today!

WHEN: January through April

COST: Free

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Bryan Tilford, *Retro Blues Man*, Mixed media on canvas board, 16" x 20", 2010

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MUSIC LA AT ART IN THE PARK

As a long-time music education partner of DCA's Music LA Program, Art in the Park's Lalo Guerrero School of Music is proud to offer Beginning to Advanced Music LA classes in guitar, bass, drums, trombone, trumpet, choir, stage performance, band performance, and musicianship. Focusing on the music by "The Meters" and their influence on the sound of American funk originating from New Orleans, this 10-week course is designed to introduce the novice musician to a historically rich genre and also provide advanced students with a more complex musical repertoire. All are welcome! No musical experience necessary!

WHERE: Art in the Park at Hermon Park, 5568 Via Marisol, Los Angeles

CONTACT: Berta Torres Sosa. 323-259-0861, bertasosal@yahoo.com, ArtinthePark.us

MUSIC LA AT THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS YOUTH CENTER

with Percussion Arts Workshop (PAWS)

The Department of Cultural Affairs is excited to partner with the Percussion Arts Workshop (PAWS) at the new Lincoln Heights Junior Arts Center to offer Music LA classes! The Music LA session in Lincoln Heights will feature Beginning classes for middle and high school aged young people. Students will gain hands-on music training on the West African Djembe - a hand-held percussive instrument with deep base tones - and various Latin percussion instruments, including congas, bongos, timbales, and cascaras, to name a few. This introductory course will focus on the fundamentals in drumming and vocal call and response patterns. Students will explore the influences of music and storytelling via the African Diaspora in the Caribbean with an emphasis on the influence of percussion. Each class session will incorporate the three valuable components of listening, discussion, and hands-on application of concepts learned by playing.

WHERE: Percussion Arts Workshop (PAWS), Lincoln Heights Junior Arts Center, 2911 Altura Street, Los Angeles

CONTACT: Angel Figueroa, 213-804-7297. angel@pawsmusic.com, pawsmusic.com

MUSIC LA AT SAMUEL GOMPERS MIDDLE SCHOOL

with Scholarship Audition Performance Preparatory Academy (SAPPA)

Upon completing its first, successful Music LA African American Heritage Month Session at Samuel Gompers Middle School in 2010, the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is happy to return to one of Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa's Partnership for Los Angeles Schools to provide free music instruction to young people. Beginner and Intermediate music learners will participate in a strings program that will provide general music instruction with a focus on the history of African American Jazz music. Curriculum will cover the basic musical concepts of melody, rhythm, harmony, tempo, dynamics, expression, reading and writing musical notation, and the joy of musical creation.

WHERE: Samuel Gompers Middle School, Room 53, 234 East 112th Street, Los Angeles

CONTACT: Billy Mitchell, 626-641-3262, BillyMitchell2k@aol.com, sappa.net



Toni Scott, *From Slave to Statesman*, Collage, 8' x 8'

MUSIC LA AT THE WILLIAM GRANT STILL ARTS CENTER

Beginning and Intermediate level music learners are welcome at the William Grant Still Arts Center where students will participate in classes celebrating the music and legacy of Nina Simone, known as the High Priestess of Soul. Simone was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, arranger, and civil rights activist. Students can choose from courses in Drums, Guitar, Piano, Songwriting, and Vocals. An Early Childhood Course of Music and Movement will also be offered for little ones ages 3 through 6.

WHERE: William Grant Still Arts Center, 2520 South West View Street, Los Angeles

CONTACT: Ami Motevalli, 323-734-1164, ami.motevalli@lacity.org

