

Dark Divas Returns to Langston Hughes this Sunday

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**Dark Divas Returns for Black History Month
Nu Black Arts West Continues Legacy of Black Theater**

Langston Hughes
And
Nu Black Arts West Theatre
Proudly Present
DARK DIVAS
Written By
Demene Hall
&
Kibibi Monié
Featuring:
Trae Holiday, LaTashia Treise, Sheila K Blackwell, Miz Floes, Gwendolyn
Coates and LaTanya Horace

Dark Divas is an energetic and moving tribute to the works of Moms Mabley, Bessie Smith, Billie Holiday, Eartha Kitt, Nina Simone, Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington, Sarah Vaughn, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, and others

Matinee At 1:00pm
Evening At 7:00pm



**February
3rd
2019**

Tickets:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4044886>

Langston
Hughes
104 17th Ave S



As the oldest Black theatre group in the Pacific Northwest, Nu Black Arts West Theatre, continues their tradition of honoring our legacy through art as their production of Dark Divas returns to Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute this

Sunday February 3rd with shows at 1pm and 7pm.

Dark Divas, now in its 19th season, is a salute to iconic African American divas of yesteryear like Billie Holiday, Eartha Kitt, Nina Simone, Dinah Washington, Sarah Vaughn, Whitney Houston, Aretha Franklin and many more.

The show is comprised of the Nu Black Arts West troupe singing many of the divas classic hits as well as assuming the posture and personality of these women who represented golden eras in Black music history ranging from the Cotton Club era through to the Apollo Era and into the 80s and early 90s..

Dark Divas was originally penned by Kibibi Moni, Executive Director for Nu Black Arts West Theatre, and Demene Hall who co-wrote the production which has now been updated to include some divas that have passed in recent years including Aretha Franklin. According to Monie, Dark Divas is all about honoring the legacy of pioneering and trailblazing women in entertainment who not only left their mark in music, the industry, but also society, as many of the divas were vocal social activists either through lyric, protest, or both.

We just want to make sure and honor these women so much and ensure their legacy stays alive and that our history continues to be told to future generations" said Monie.

Since its formation in 1992, Nu Black Arts West holds the distinction of being the oldest active African American theater troupe in the Pacific Northwest and as they enter their 27th year of edutaining the community there are no signs of slowing down.

Nu Black Arts West invites and encourages the community to support Black art while as well being entertained and educated about the legacy of our Dark Divas. [Tickets are only \\$25 and are available online at Brown Paper Tickets.](#)