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2008 Black History Month

*Connecting through
 Universal Understanding:
 Our Different Shades of Black*



Art by Angela Dallas on display in the Foothill College Semans Library throughout February.



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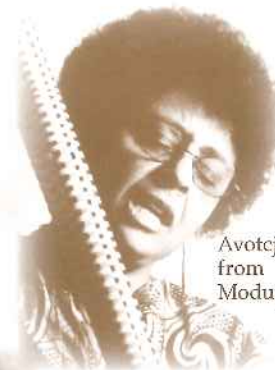
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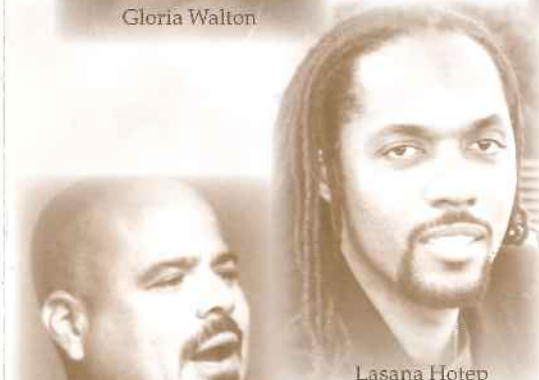
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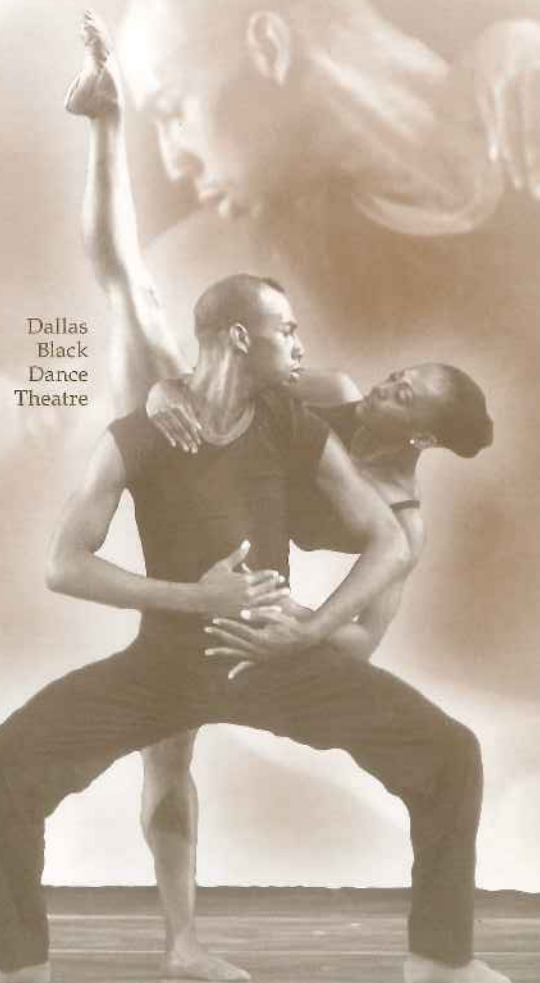
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Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Week One: February 4-10**Tuesday, February 5****Black History Month Lecture Series Part I: Nile Valley & Ancient African Civilization**

Classical African civilizations of the Nile Valley represent the longest recorded history of advanced civilizations in the world. These Black civilizations produced some of the greatest achievements in world history in mathematics, astronomy, astrology, engineering, medicine and writing. Co-sponsored by Foothill Business & Social Sciences Division.

Presenter: Manu Ampim, M.A., History Professor

Time: 8:30-10 a.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

National African American Read-In

Join more than one million readers from across the nation in the 19th Annual National African American Read-In. At Foothill, this annual event features the poet and musician Avotcja, and members of her band, Modupe. You're invited to read from the works of your favorite African American poets or authors. Co-sponsored by the National Council for Teachers of English, Foothill College Language Arts Division and Foothill College Bookstore.

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

Foothill Authors Series featuring Author-Comedian Brian Copeland

Author-Comedian Brian Copeland will present a reading of his book, *Not a Genuine Black Man*, followed by a book-signing session. If you were to look up the definition of the word versatility in a dictionary of performers, chances are you'd find the name Brian Copeland. The multitalented comedian, writer, television host, talk radio host and commentator has enjoyed public and critical acclaim for nearly a decade. Copeland's book is available for purchase at a 20-percent discount in the Foothill College Bookstore.

Presenter: Brian Copeland, Author-Comedian

Time: 3-4 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

Wednesday, February 6**Black History Month Official Opening Ceremony**

The opening ceremony speakers will present an overview of Foothill's Black History Month celebration. Attend this cultural celebration and enjoy live entertainment. Free Refreshments.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Room: Campus Center Dining Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, February 7**Meet the Artist Reception**

Meet artist Angela Dallas, whose art is expressed with textiles. Her beautiful works are on exhibit in the Semans Library and throughout February.

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Location: Library **FREE ADMISSION**

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Residency

For the 13th year, Foothill College hosts the world-renown Dallas Black Dance Theatre (DBDT) as the troupe celebrates its 31st anniversary with *Dancing without Limits*, its anticipated West Coast tour. Under the guidance of founder and artistic director Ann Williams, DBDT's mission is to create and produce dance at its highest level of artistic excellence through performances and educational programs to bridge cultures and reach diverse communities and audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

DBDT Lecture, Demonstration & Petite Performance

Talented DBDT dancers will treat more than 1,800 middle-school students with a lecture, demonstration and mini performance. Students will also tour Foothill College and eat lunch on campus. The program combines cultural and artistic expression by the dancers, and the children's experience of a community college campus.

Time: 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Location: Smithwick Theatre **FREE ADMISSION**

**DBDT Matinee VIP Performance for Senior Citizens**

Designed especially for active adults in our community, this VIP matinee performance includes an exciting director's notes presentation before the show, affordable single and group ticket prices, special parking and shuttle service, and complimentary reception. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College Adaptive Learning Division & Disability Resource Center.

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theatre

Tickets: \$20 general admission. Group rates are also available. To purchase tickets, call (650) 949-7332.

Friday, February 8**Meet the Artist Reception**

Meet artist Angela Dallas, whose art is expressed with textiles. Her beautiful works are on exhibit in the Semans Library and throughout February.

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Library **FREE ADMISSION**

Dallas Black Dance Theatre Evening Performance

The curtain goes up on this contemporary dance company's repertoire of modern, jazz, ethnic and spiritual works to provide a performance filled with excitement, energy and elegance that only DBDT's dancers can deliver. A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Campus Center Dining Room.

Time: 8 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theatre

Tickets: \$25, general; \$15, students with OwlCard. To purchase tickets, call (650) 949-7360.

Week Two: February 11-17**Tuesday, February 12****Lecture Series II: Black Agency: Individual Achievement-Black Cultural Progress Synopsis**

Within all of us are many identities. The key is to figure out which one of our many selves needs to be front and center at a particular given moment. This workshop explores contemporary forces that shape the values and priorities of young people and examines how college students can best position themselves as future decision makers. Major themes addressed in this session include a historical timeline of major periods impacting black life, a matrix exercise dissecting our many identities, and the ever-important role you play as a college student in continuing the progress of our beautiful cultural community.

Presenter: Alonzo Jones, Multicultural Student Services Director, Arizona State University

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

Wednesday, February 13**Hip-Hop Comes to School**

Is hip-hop a culture? Are hip-hop and rap the same thing? Bryant K. Smith, founder and president of Smith Consulting & Networking (CAN), will give a brief history of hip-hop while answering these two questions. This empowering speaker is appropriately known as Smith CAN, because he's charged with the role of letting you know that you can make a difference in this world. He discusses the role of students in our society; how women are portrayed in hip-hop; issues of social and personal responsibility; AIDS; safe sex; drugs and alcohol; politics; and trends in hip-hop. The program will ask the audience "what is next for hip-hop and for you?" These and other questions are addressed in the light-hearted but critical examination of hip-hop culture and its impact on higher education. Co-sponsored by the Foothill College Health Services Office.

Presenter: Bryant K. Smith, Founder & President, Smith Consulting & Networking

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, February 14**Love & Protect: Foothill College Valentine's Day Dance**

As a part of AIDS Awareness Week and the Valentine's Day holiday, a dance will occur to promote awareness of AIDS and sexual responsibility while celebrating the spirit of Valentine's Day. International food will be served with music provided by a local DJ. Co-sponsored by the International Student Connection Club, Foothill International Programs and Foothill Health Services Office.

Time: 7-11 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201)

Tickets: \$7, students in advance with OwlCard; \$10, at the door. To purchase tickets, call (650) 949-7105 or e-mail InternationalStudentConnection@gmail.com.

Friday, February 15 & Saturday, February 16**10th Annual California Student Association of Community Colleges Black Caucus Leadership Conference**

Foothill students are encouraged to focus on leadership skills development with Foothill's Black Student Union by participating in this two-day conference. Students from across the California Community College system will explore leadership concepts that empower student leaders of African ancestry; discuss successful models/practices that build community outreach and involvement; and address advocacy and organizational development of Afrocentric organizations at the community college level.

Contact: Joseph Townsend, Foothill College Brother-to-Brother (408) 910-8743; Jsphtown5@aol.com

Location: El Camino College in Torrance, CA [www.elcamino.edu]

Friday, February 15-Monday, February 18**Presidents' Days Holiday Observances**

Campus closed; classes do not meet.

Week Three: February 18-24**Tuesday, February 19****Lecture Series III: "A Hot Ghetto Mess"-Synopsis**

According to researcher Lasana Hotep, a phenomenon has swept the nation that equates being a person of color, low income or from the inner city with being the scourge of society. Popular media depicts communities as aberrations and social deviants and have been able to find support from members of the very communities they stereotype, Hotep says. This multimedia presentation challenges the notions of popular media toward people of color by outlining economic, social and political factors that contribute to some of the challenges our communities face. Ultimately, the workshop outlines strategies, attitudes and behaviors needed to transform one, Hotep argues, from a "hot, ghetto, mess" into a visionary global leader.

Presenter: Lasana Hotep, Researcher, Consultant & Entrepreneur

Time: Noon-1:30 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

Wednesday, February 20**10th Annual African Achievers Awards**

The Achiever Awards recognize outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service among graduating and/or transferring students of African ancestry. Foothill and UCLA alumna Gloria Walton is the featured speaker. She resides in Los Angeles and serves as lead organizer of Action for Grassroots Empowerment & Neighborhood Development Alternatives (AGENDA), a branch of strategic concepts in organizing and policy education.

Presenter: Gloria Walton, Lead Organizer, AGENDA

Time: 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theatre **FREE ADMISSION**

Saturday, February 23**Make a Joyful Noise Gospel Concert**

Celebrate with Foothill College Gospel Choir as you journey through gospel music from its history of Negro spirituals to contemporary

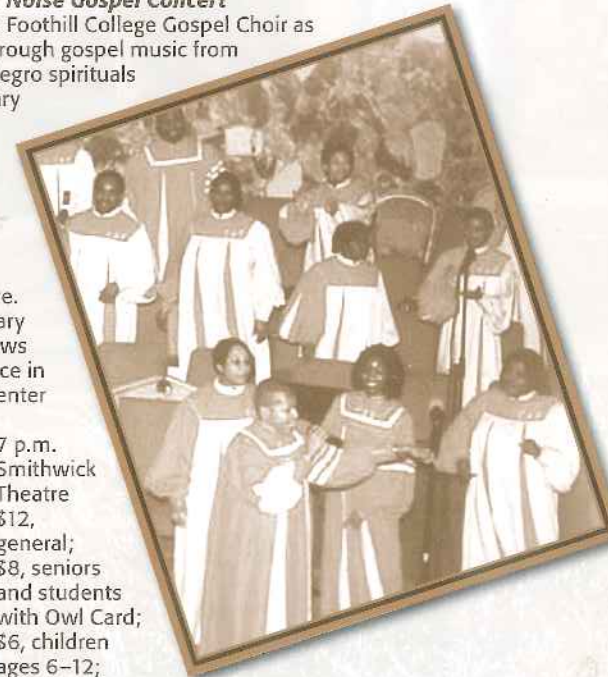
melodies. Witness spiritually uplifting performances by Bay Area gospel choirs and much more.

A complimentary reception follows the performance in the Campus Center Dining Room.

Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Smithwick Theatre

Tickets: \$12, general; \$8, seniors and students with Owl Card; \$6, children ages 6-12; children under age 5 admitted free. To purchase tickets, call (650) 949-7360.

**Week Four: February 25-29****Wednesday, February 27****Closing Ceremony: Celebrating Culture**

Enjoy this cultural celebration featuring live entertainment and complimentary refreshments.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Dining Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Thursday, February 28**Campus Abroad in Ghana Information Session**

For much of its history, Ghana has played a pivotal role in West Africa. Developments in Ghana have influenced regional politics in historical, cultural, socio-economic and ecological terms. The Foothill-De Anza Campus Abroad Program will provide an opportunity for students from all academic disciplines to learn about this country and its people. This will be achieved through integrated study with Ghanaian residents and an immersion into the cultural and social life of the surrounding community this summer. Come to this fascinating presentation to learn how you can financially participate in this exciting program, which runs Aug. 29 through Sept. 13.

Presenter: Foothill College Speech Communication Instructor Shawn Townes, Ph.D.

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Campus Center Lounge **FREE ADMISSION**

Friday, February 29**Improving the College Access & Success of Black & Latino Males Luncheon Presentation**

Lead by one of the nation's most passionate motivational speakers, Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, this presentation will highlight the tools, strategies, affirmations, values and support systems that have proven beneficial for the personal development and success of many young Black and Latino men. The session will also explore the positive movement through experiences and perspectives of the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) as a national organization with more than 160 collegiate and high school chapters in 30 states. Foothill College is the only community college that has a charter Brother-to-Brother. The session will also review the challenges that men of color confront daily in their efforts to be successful and responsible. To reserve your seat at this event, you must call (650) 949-7389 or e-mail dorseydon@foothill.edu by Friday, Feb. 22. Co-sponsored by the Basic Skills Initiative and Foothill College Brother-to-Brother Program.

Presenter: Dr. Tyrone Bledsoe, Founder, SAAB

Time: Noon-1 p.m.

Location: Toyon Room **FREE ADMISSION**

Additional Events & Activities**Art Exhibitions & Displays**

• **Pan-African City Alive!** This cultural resource celebrates 14 years of excellence and shares displays of artifacts that illustrate the beauty and richness of the Pan-African experience. Look for these impressive artifacts on display throughout the Foothill College Campus Center during February. **FREE ADMISSION.**

• **Library Gallery Exhibit** is on display Mondays through Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (650) 949-7282 or e-mail DavorenTricia@foothill.edu.

• For additional event, driving and parking information, access www.foothill.edu, e-mail DavorenTricia@foothill.edu or call (650) 949-7282.

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• Enroll in the SOSC 36 course and earn one unit of transferable credit. For requirements and registration information, call (650) 949-7218 or e-mail SmallDaphne@foothill.edu.

• PAA and PGA available for faculty and staff participation.

