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## **The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center Celebrates October 2009 as National Arts and Humanities Month with Several Events**

**BALTIMORE, MD** – National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. Held every October, it is the largest annual celebration of the arts and humanities in the nation. From arts center open houses to mayoral proclamations to banners and media coverage, communities across the United States join together to recognize the importance of arts and culture in our daily lives. The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center will present several activities for the public to enjoy. All of the events will be held at The Eubie Blake Center 847 North Howard Street in Baltimore's historic Mount Vernon Cultural District.

Bodacious and bold best describes the collection mixed image works in a new exhibition by Jonathan A. Greene. Greene has been working as an artist for more than 25 years. Throughout his impressive career Jonathan has created art as "a slice of life by the view of a photographer/artist." His themes evolve into different forms so that his work always reflects "the flow, the feel, pain, rage, happiness, love, life, and death." Jonathan uses the camera in his hands as an artistic tool, the same as using a brush, pencil, pen, clay, or other drawing materials. The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, is on from Thursday, October 8 to Saturday, October 31, 2009; with an opening reception on Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 7 PM to 9 PM.

Experience the magic, fun and adventure of Alice in Wonderland like never before in this new mixed media exhibition. Join Alice (Tracie Marie Jiggetts) as she falls into the madcap world of Boogie Wonderland and meets extraordinary characters such as The Queen of Hearts (International Recording Artist Maysa) Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Mad Hatter (Actor, Robert Lee Hardy), The Caterpillar and the frantically late White Rabbit. The City of Baltimore becomes the backdrop for the retelling of this classic story, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (1865) is a novel written by English author Lewis Carroll. The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, is on from Thursday, October 8 to Saturday, October 31, 2009; with an opening reception on Thursday, October 8, 2009 from 7 PM to 9 PM.

On Saturday, October 10th from 7 PM to 10 PM enjoy a magical Saturday Night at EUBIE LIVE! as Gail Marten, vocalist and Larry Willis, pianist presents their new CD in concert and engages in conversation with the audience. Born in Philadelphia, Gail Marten began her singing career in 1980 shortly after moving to Maryland. During the 80's and 90's, Gail held long term engagements at many premier area hotels and bistros and has sung with many jazz notables including Cyrus Chestnut, Benny Waters, Reuben Brown, Dick Durham, Arnold Sterling, Mickey Fields, Greg Hatza, Billy Colucci, Bob Diener and Charles Covington at venues that include Baltimore's Pier Six Concert Pavilion and Ethel's Place, New York's West End Club and Rita Dimitri's, Charlie's-Georgetown and The Hilton in Gatwick, England. Joining Marten and Willis are bassist Herman Burney and drummer Robert Shahid. \$25 admission includes the live concert, CD and a

conversation with the artists. Food and refreshments will be available for sale.  
Free Fall Open House at the Eubie Blake Center.

A showcase of the resident artists of the center along with other premiere artists of Baltimore: visual artists in the center's first floor galleries, literary artists from monthly spoken word performances, vocal and instrumental artists from music and dance programs, plus artists from the center's adult and children's dance programs. This event will take place Sunday, October 11th 3 PM to 6 PM and is free and open to the public.

On Friday, October 23, 2009, "The Eubie Blake Musical Theater Cabaret Production Company", organized and directed by Hugh Carey, will present a repeat performance in the wonderful just opened "Eubie Live" room entitled "An Evening on Broadway." The performance will feature songs from various Broadway musicals which include Ain't Misbehavin', Grease, Westside Story, Les Miserable and excerpts from the Folk Opera Porgy and Bess. The company consists of a group of very talented performers from the greater Baltimore Metropolitan community. The event will include a wine and cheese reception, followed by a hot and cold buffet of lite fare. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the ongoing activities of the Eubie Blake Center. The performance on October 23, 2009, will begin at 7P.M. and the cost of admission for the evening is \$25.00.

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The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center is open Wednesday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Friday from 12 noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday by appointment.

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For more than three decades, the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center has sought to bring creative expression and urban consciousness to Baltimore through visual and performing arts education and development opportunities for children, youth and adults in our community.