



## LIFT! Music and Black in Labor Series

### CAAPA Project Series:



This year's theme focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Indeed,

work is at the very center of much of Black history and culture.

Be it the traditional agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed

Low Country colonies, debates among Black educators on the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in Black communities, or organized labor's role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people's work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. In 2025, the **Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts** in partnership with the **Association for African American Life and History (ASALH)** examines the varied history and life of African Americans in LABOR THRU THE PERFORMING ARTS in a series called **"LIFT!: Music and Black Labor Series"**



### 2024 Arts and Humanities CAAPA / ASALH Events:

- Sat. Feb. 1 1pm** LIFT! Music and Blacks in Labor Panel  
MNCPPC Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel, MD
- Sat. Feb 15 4pm** LIFT!: Music and Blacks in Labor Concert :  
"Tote That Barge!" Publick Playhouse, Landover, Maryland
- Wed. Feb 24 7pm** LIFT! Music and Blacks in Labor Recital  
PGCMLS @ Oxon Hill Library or CCC
- Sat. Mar 29 4pm** LIFT! Elizabeth Keckley Tribute: Black Women in Labor Concert  
CAAPA Cultural Center (CCC), Fort Washington, MD
- Sat. Apr 27 4pm** LIFT: Music, Arts and Humanities & Poetry Event  
CAAPA Cultural Center (CCC), Fort Washington, MD
- Sat. June 7 11am** LIFT! Youth Event @ CCC
- Sep. 20-24** LIFT! Music and Blacks in Labor  
National ASALH Conference
- Wed. Oct. 4 11am** LIFT! Panel, Film, Discussion: Discover w/Partners & Arts Experts  
CAAPA Cultural Center (CCC), Fort Washington, MD

### Summary:

CAAPA is honored to have partnered with **ASALH** for the past eight (8) years based on annual ASALH Black History Month:

2018 Black and Brave: Music and The Black Solider

2020 Our Vote: Music and The Black Vote

2022 Get Up!: Music and Black Wellness

2024 Revival: Blacks Music, and the Arts

CAAPA may also present at ASALH National Conference (tentative).

2019 Movin' On Up: Music and The Great Migration

2021 Generations: Music and The Black Family

2023 STOP, NOT ME! Music and Black Resistance

2025 Lift!: Music and Blacks in Labor

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