

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

On behalf of the SJCB Performing Arts Center Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to learn more about our outstanding performing arts program designed for the novice and experienced musical performer, with lessons for children and adults. With a shrinking pool of trained artists in the performing arts, SJCB Performing Arts Center remains committed to grooming such talent as well as engendering young people, in particular, with a greater appreciation for disciplines of the performing arts.

As you learn more about SJCB Performing Arts Center, please keep in mind that we need your support in this most worthy endeavor. Your contributions allow us to offer quality music/performing lessons at a nominal cost as well as scholarships to talented students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to develop their musical talents.

We welcome and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
Wardell Haywood  
Chair

## **MISSION**

The principal purpose of SJCB Performing Arts Center is to recruit a diverse group of students and to train them at the highest level of arts in piano, voice, organ, liturgical dance, percussion and other musical instruments. Our purpose is to ensure the continuance of a vital and living tradition of the art form. SJCB Performing Arts Center further seeks to develop the role and identity of the contemporary musician not just as a performer and player but also as a complete artist, advocate, and mentor committed to the community at large.

## **WHO WE ARE**

SJCB Performing Arts Center emerged from a 1997 needs analysis which revealed limited viable music programs in the schools, local churches and community centers. Major action needed to be taken to continue the long-standing tradition in our community of "Growing our own musical talent."

Led by the late Dr. Randell M. Johnson, the Director of Church Music at St. John Church Baptist, along with other members of the Church Music Department, Mrs. Elvira Avery, Dr. Naomi Green, and John A. Martin, the SJCB Performing Arts Center was created. Since its inception, scholarships have been offered for students in various areas of musical training.

### WHAT WE OFFER

Private lessons in piano, organ, voice, and percussion are offered for children and adults. Liturgical group dance lessons are also offered. All classes and private lessons are held on Saturdays only.

### FEES/SCHOLARSHIPS

Fees are based on the number of lessons. Scholarships may be available. Please contact [sjcbpac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjcbpac@sbcglobal.net) for fee information.

### CALENDAR

January	February	March	April	May	June
Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes	Classes
Winter Meet/greet					Annual Recital

July	August	September	October	November	December
Hiatus from Classes	Hiatus from Classes	Registration	Classes	Classes	Classes
	Friend Raiser	Classes Resume	Theater Party/Fund Raiser		

### SJCB PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ACCOMPLISHED INSTRUCTORS

#### *William Berry - Organ*

William Berry is experienced in both piano and organ. He is an organist for Hamlett-Isom CME Church, and St. John Church Baptist. His experience as an organist also includes several AME churches in the Chicago area. In addition, he played the organ as part of a New York City Organ Tour.

His educational experience includes the American Conservatory of Music, Wilson Junior College, and Roosevelt University. He also studied under the tutelage of some of the most accomplished and well-known instructors of music.

### ***Jessie Lyles Lucas - Piano and Organ***

Jessie Lyles Lucas began piano lessons in Laurel, Mississippi. Her musical education continued in Chicago with piano teachers Jeanette Padorr and Thaddeus Kozuch. She studied organ with Blanche Walto and Walter Gossett. She received degrees from Chicago Teachers College (now Chicago State) and DePaul University. For 43 years she was a teacher in the Chicago Public Schools. In addition, she has served as pianist, organist, accompanist, and choir director. Jessie is a member of the Chicago Music Association, and a life member of the National Association of Negro Musicians.

### ***Edna Williams - Voice***

Edna Williams, a native of Chicago, began her musical studies at an early age. Her first piano lessons were with the late Ida B. Davis of Olivet Baptist Church. Additional studies were in piano and voice with Stella Sanger and Anna Maitland at the Chicago Conservatory of Music, Wilson Junior College and the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

She received a Bachelor of Music degree in 1954 and a Master of Music degree in 1959 from the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University. Dr. Williams has been the recipient of several music awards; the most coveted was the John Hay Whitney Fellowship, which afforded her 15 months of study in Vienna, Austria. Upon her return to this country in 1959, she toured Illinois, Indiana and Ohio in concert.

Her professional affiliations include membership in the Chicago Music Association, and the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. An honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities was conferred on her in 1989 by the Chicago Baptist Institute, which was a well deserved recognition of achievement and contributions in music to the church community. Dr. Williams is currently Minister of Music at the Monumental Baptist Church where she has held membership since early childhood.

### ***Lue Williams - Piano***

Lue Williams has 15 years of professional experience which include Music Director for the children's, young people's and Sanctuary choirs and Sunday school teacher at Morning Star Baptist Church where she is an active member. For 10 years, she has served as the Director of Music for the Illinois National Baptist Convention.

She earned a Bachelor of Art in music and church administration from Northern Theological Seminary and American Conservatory of Music. She also earned an associates degree in music and bible study from Moody Bible Institute. She is currently a music teacher at Maywood Fine Arts Center. She is also President of the Chancel Choir of St. John Church Baptist.

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### **CONTACT**

For more information on music lessons, fees, scholarships, registration and fund-raising efforts, or to make a contribution to the SJCBA Performing Arts Center, please contact us at [sjcbpac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sjcbpac@sbcglobal.net).