

HBCU National Choir Premiere  
Performance – **Inaugural Premiere**  
**At the**  
**Kennedy Center**  
**September 7, 2008**

**All HBCU Alumni Come & Support**  
**Share Event Notice with Friends and Family**



Opening Day  
2008 National HBCU Week Celebration™

**Date:** September 7th, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** The Kennedy Center Concert Hall

**Address:** 2700 F Street N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Ticket Info:** Free Ticketed Event

(Available At The Kennedy Center Box Office | Day Of The Event (3:30 PM)

First Come, First Served.

Creating a National Voice  
Through Music

for our  
Nation's 105 Choirs  
Historically Black Colleges & Universities

National / Regional Choir Festivals  
HBCU National Choir  
CHOIR LEADERS National Summit

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THE NATION'S 105 HBCUs' CHOIRS

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## Mission

**PARTNERS ACHIEVING** Support through Partners  
Understanding the Needs  
Collaboration with Partners to Build Capacity  
Commitment to Achieve Results  
Enhancements that will Benefit all Stakeholders  
Services that have Value and Make a Difference  
Sustainability

We are a non-profit organization that focuses on fostering partnerships and resource development through the inclusion of a broad and diverse spectrum of people, corporations, and foundations, in the public and private sectors. **Our mission is to enhance resources and build capacity to sustain our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, with a particular focus on their Choirs, an important legacy at each School, that needs our support today or it may be forever lost to history.** Through this mission, we will positively impact the recruitment and retention of more students of color, as they are drawn into music and the performing arts by their participation in their University program and the National choir. Student development through choir participation, performance, and enjoyment by audiences, will also enhance student leadership skills as they become advocates for higher education for all young people in this country.

### **A National Initiative for Program & Leadership Growth The "105 Voices of History" for HBCU Choirs**

#### **Ten Key Goals for Success:**

1. Increase diversity representation in training opportunities and national performances in America fine arts cultural and business arenas
2. Utilizing the fine art as a campus voice to support pro-social concerns. The 105 Voices of History Performance, **2008 Platform:" Lifting Our Voices for Health and Economic Empowerment".**
3. Enhance performance opportunities for multiple HBCUs to showcase their institutions' talents, starting with a premier venue as a national family unit at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on September 7, 2008, to kick off National HBCU Week!
4. Attract BROADER AUDIENCES and NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS.
5. Build national collaboration of and broader development for, our HBCUs' choir leaders.
6. Create synergies, partnerships, and learning opportunities for the choir leaders, the student leaders, and the choir members. Develop shared training forums, networking, music and talent development so that choir students will become student leaders, and some future choir leaders, to take their rightful places in leadership for their schools and in our nation.
7. Create a National Network & Voice, with new strategies and opportunities sustain the history, create revenue streams; to continuously build capacity in order to aid their programs, and schools.
8. Establish a National fund to provide support to Conductors to aid scholarship support to attract and retain students
9. National recordings / CDs - DVDs to provide a revenue stream for their programs and to continue to record the collectively wisdom of these legacy choirs and their talents.
10. National and international tours to heighten awareness of the talents of HBCUs and what they have to offer to students of color as well as any student who desires a higher education.



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## *The Nation's* HBCUs

### Background

#### **Purpose**

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are those that were founded /established **before 1964** as postsecondary academic institutions whose educational mission has historically been to educate Black Americans

#### **Mission**

To strengthen the capacity of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and to provide excellence in education.

### **A Brief History On HBCUs – Federal Government Support**

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed Executive Order 12232, which established a federal program "... to overcome the effects of discriminatory treatment and to strengthen and expand the capacity of historically black colleges and universities to provide quality education."

In 1981, President Reagan, under Executive Order 12320, established the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, which expanded the previous program and set into motion a government-wide effort to strengthen our nation's HBCUs.

In 1989, President George Bush signed Executive Order 12677. This Executive Order established a Presidential Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities to advise the President and the Secretary of Education on methods, programs, and strategies to strengthen these valued institutions.

In 1993, President William Jefferson Clinton signed Executive Order 12876. This Executive Order required that a senior level executive in each agency have oversight in implementing the Order; and that the Office of Management and Budget be involved in monitoring implementation of the Order.

On February 12, 2002, President George W. Bush signed Executive Order 13256. This Executive Order transferred the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities to the Office of the Secretary within the U.S. Department of Education.



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### THE EXECUTIVE ORDER

*By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, in order to advance the development of the Nation's full human potential and to advance equal opportunity in higher education, to strengthen the capacity of historically black colleges and universities to provide the highest quality education, and to increase opportunities for these institutions to participate in and benefit from Federal programs, as do other colleges and universities. As of November 2007, 105 HBCUs are officially listed with the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.*

#### Official HBCUs

Alabama A&M University	Howard University	Savannah State University
Alabama State University	Huston-Tillotson University	Selma University
Albany State University	Interdenominational Theological Center	Shaw University
Alcorn State University	J.F. Drake State Technical College	Shelton State Community College, C.A.
Allen University	Jackson State University	South Carolina State University
Arkansas Baptist College	Jarvis Christian College	Southern University A&M College
Benedict College	Johnson C. Smith University	Southern University At New Orleans
Bennett College	Kentucky State University	Southern University At Shreveport
Bethune-Cookman University	Knoxville College	Southwestern Christian College
Bishop State Community College	Lane College	Spelman College
Bluefield State College	Langston University	St. Augustine's College
Bowie State University	Lawson State Community College	St. Philip's College
Central State University	Lemoyne-Owen College	Stillman College
Cheney University Of Pennsylvania	Lewis College Of Business	Talladega College
Claffin University	Lincoln University, PA	Tennessee State University
Clark Atlanta University	Lincoln University, MO	Texas College
Clinton Junior College	Livingstone College	Texas Southern University
Coahoma Community College	Meharry Medical College	Tougaloo College
Concordia College Selma	Miles College	Trenholm State Technical College
Coppin State University	Mississippi Valley State University	Tuskegee University
Delaware State University	Morehouse College	University Of Arkansas At Pine Bluff
Denmark Technical College	Morehouse School Of Medicine	University Of Maryland Eastern Shore
Dillard University	Morgan State University	University Of The District Of Columbia
Edward Waters College	Morris Brown College	University Of The Virgin Islands
Elizabeth City State University	Morris College	Virginia State University
Fayetteville State University	Norfolk State University	Virginia Union University
Fisk University	North Carolina A&T State University	Virginia University Of Lynchburg
Florida A&M University	North Carolina Central University	Voorhees College
Florida Memorial University	Oakwood College	West Virginia State University
Fort Valley State University	Paine College	Wilberforce University
Gadsden State Community College	Paul Quinn College	Wiley College
Grambling State University	Philander Smith College	Winston-Salem State University
Hampton University	Prairie View A&M University	Xavier University Of Louisiana
Harris-Stowe State University	Rust College	Fort College
Hinds Community College, Utica	Saint Paul's College	Bishop College