

J'NAI BRIDGES: AT HOME!

World Renowned Opera Singer from New York's Metropolitan Opera filmed
LIVE from the exquisite Lakewold Gardens

Joseph Williams, Collaborative Pianist

A Benefit Concert for Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center / T.U.P.A.C.



Virtual Broadcast
September 6, 2020
5:00pm PST



About Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center [King 5 Evening News Story](#) (clickable link)

Co-Founded July, 2017 by Kabby Mitchell III and Klair Ethridge, Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center (T.U.P.A.C.), 501(c)3 is an anchor organization in downtown Tacoma. Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center offers pre-professional classical ballet education, other multicultural classical dance development and training for youth ages 6-18 who might otherwise have little to no access and exposure to the classical arts. Instruction and pre-professional training opportunities are taught by world class visiting artists from the Dance Theater of Harlem, Alvin Alley Dance Company, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Spectrum Theater. Students are also exposed to professional theater, opera and other classical music and art forms. Recognized by the City of Tacoma for its innovative community outreach, T.U.P.A.C. has meaningful collaborations and partnerships with Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma Public Schools, Tacoma Ethnic Fest, Tacoma Arts Commission and more.

Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center (T.U.P.A.C.) is:

- Fulfilling a critical need for safe, culturally relevant, and culturally responsive afterschool programming
- Virtually providing programming that has been cancelled on-site and affected due to COVID-19
- Provides extensive avenues for students to build confidence and leadership skills
- An environment for healthy peer and cross-cultural interactions

“Substantial research confirms that high-quality afterschool and youth development programs positively impact social skill development, academic achievement, and risk reduction for the youth they serve.”

From School's Out Washington: Quality Standards Handbook

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COVID-19 Impact

As many have witnessed, the Art world has been significantly and adversely impacted by COVID-19. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has also critically impacted the Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center. T.U.P.A.C. has suffered a variety of significant impacts including but not limited to classes transition to virtual instruction, student access decreased, significant cost increases for virtual instruction, difficulty paying rent due to COVID-19 impact to classes and ability to stay open. Also, as a direct result of COVID-19, T.U.P.A.C. could not host the annual fundraiser, which helps provide T.U.P.A.C.'s critically needed operating funds and moving expenses.

About “The Virtual Benefit Concert for Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center”

J’Nai Bridges, world renown Mezzo-Soprano, returns to her hometown of Lakewood Washington to perform with Tacoma native, Joseph Williams, Pianist /Artistic Director, and Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center aka T.U.P.A.C. dancers. From the exquisite Lakewood Gardens, Miss Bridges will perform a solo “Virtual Benefit Concert” for Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center who has been adversely impacted by COVID-19. An AMOCAT Award winning community-based non-profit performing arts organization, T.U.P.A.C. provides education, access, exposure and opportunities in the classical arts, culturally themed pre-professional classical ballet training, West-African dance, and other classical dance forms with an intentional outreach to African-American and other underserved youth. Miss Bridges hopes her concert will invite others to join her in this important opportunity to support T.U.P.A.C. in their mission to close the existing classical performing arts gap for Black, Indigenous and young people of color. She is passionate about breaking ground for the next generation of artists to explore the classical arts genre of educational and career possibilities. ***Opera and Classical Music is for Everyone - CNN's Ground Breaker Profiles**

J’Nai Bridges, Mezzo-Soprano ***King 5 News Story on J’Nai Bridges** (*hover over clickable link)

Born in Tacoma and raised in Lakewood, WA, Miss Bridges is an Ambassador for the Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center. She is proud of the work T.U.P.A.C. provides to her home community and is committed to support their VISION and MISSION through the BENEFIT CONCERT. She is the recipient of many prestigious awards and graces the world’s top national and international stages in Hamburg, Zurich, Barcelona, Munich and Wales where she represented the US in the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World Competition. Often referred to as the “Beyonce of Opera” by media outlets, her list of operatic and concert engagements include the Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Chicago Lyric Opera, LA Opera San Francisco Opera, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Carnegie Hall. Her recent performance at the worldwide televised Global Goal: Unite for the Future” (***2020 Global Citizen**) a COVID-19 fundraiser raised over 7 Billion dollars. Her classical arts equity advocacy has been recognized by the LA Opera and applauded by the New York Times, the Tacoma News Tribune and many other classical music media outlets. Her classical arts advocacy was recently applauded by the New York Times article: ***Opera Can No Longer Ignore Race - NY Times 7/16/20** J’Nai Bridges is the 2020 Charles Wright Academy Alumni of the Year! Learn more at *** <https://jnaibridgesmezzo.com/>** (*hover over clickable link)

Sponsorship Opportunities -A (501 (c)3 non-profit #poweredbyPACE. Donations are tax-deductible

Thank you in advance for your sponsorship of T.U.P.A.C.'s inaugural "Virtual Benefit Concert with J'Nai Bridges, Mezzo-Soprano". Your sponsorship speaks to your commitment to ensure all students will have an equitable opportunity to thrive and reach their greatest potential. Sponsorship tangibly shows your commitment to racial equity, your support to youth in Tacoma and to your leadership in providing "our most deserving youth world class opportunities to achieve Artistic Excellence in the Performing Arts."

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Equity Statement

The Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center (T.U.P.A.C.) is keenly aware of systemic racism and inequities that exists in our society, community and in the Arts. We intentionally consider equity, inclusion, and representation for our students and for all processes and outcomes we consider. The Tacoma Urban Performing Arts Center is an organization that offers equitable access and opportunities for students of color. Our intention toward equity permeates all levels of our work including administration, dance instruction, development, and training.

J'Nai Bridges w/Gustavo Dudamel, LA Phil & YOLA " Heaven & Whole World in His Hands"

Opera Can No Longer Ignore Its Race Problem - NY Times July 16, 2020



J'Nai Bridges and T.U.P.A.C. Student

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