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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

DATE: Sunday, October 3, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm Reception; 7 pm Awards Ceremony
LOCATION: The Victorian Banquet Hall
4809 Germantown Avenue

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Three of the World's Most Notable African American Historians and Cultural Icons Come Together to Help Honor Some of Philadelphia's Greatest Problem Solvers

6th Annual Philadelphia Legacies Portrait & Community Awards Tops Off Philadelphia Legacies Week

Philadelphia, PA – September 22, 2021 – 5:30 pm on Sunday October 3, 2021 the 6th Annual Philadelphia Legacies Portrait & Community Awards takes place at the Victorian Banquet Hall located 4809 Germantown Avenue in Philadelphia, PA. Tickets may still be secured online at Eventbrite or www.philadelphialegacy.org.

Once again, this growing iconic celebration tops off PHILADELPHIA LEGACIES WEEK as it highlights great problem solvers of Philadelphia who have made positive lasting impact on our city and the world. Our contemporary history-makers are brought to life revealing the great depths and dimensions of Philadelphia.

As Philadelphia Legacies honors Philadelphia legacy makers, lifetime achievers, and young people to watch, unsung heroes, real frontline soldiers who do all they can to hold our communities together despite the obstacles are acknowledged with leadership awards and stipends for their organizations.



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The awards ceremony is extra special this year as the honorable Rev. Jesse Jackson shares commentary on the late Emma Chappelle, Third World Press Foundation Founder and iconic poet, author, and publisher Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti introduces Philadelphia's own curator of the Charles L. Blockson Collection - Dr. Diane L. Turner, and historian and creator of Kwanzaa, Dr. Maulana Karenga and Philadelphia's Queen Mother Falaka Fattah meet again for the first time since the 1968 Black Power Conference he organized at Church of the Advocate. They will have a conversation about how her charge as a journalist to form the communication vehicle Umoja Magazine became the historical House of Umoja. Dr. Karenga never realized they were one and the same!

Joining via Zoom: Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dr. Maulana Karenga, and Queen Mother Falaka Fattah.

Principles available for interview

AWARD WINNERS, SPEAKERS, NOTABLES IN ATTENDANCE

PORTRAIT AWARD WINNERS

The late Emma Chappell: "To understand community one must understand banking." The first African American woman to start her own commercial bank in America. Emma was also Jesse Jackson's treasurer for his presidential campaign, and she made important global impacts on communities including Africa.

Dr. Molefi Kete Asante: Molefi Asante started the first Doctorate program in African American Studies which exists today at Temple University and is a leading African researcher who has helped to transform literature in both Egyptology and Greek studies.

The late James Spady: an important researcher historian, journalist, and writer of African and African American Studies.

Jannie Blackwell: a relentless advocate for the who for over 30 years served as a public servant and councilmember for West Philadelphia on call day and night hails from homeless from the longest African American political destiny in Philadelphia. Today she is working on creating Philadelphia's first Africa Town.

The late Sam Staten, Sr.: union for thirty years headed the 332 union, Philadelphia's only majority Black building trades union. He passed the torch to his son who has continues his legacy of great leadership.

OTHER AWARD WINNERS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT: Dr. Diane L. Turner – Curator of the Charles L. Blockson Afro-American Collection at Temple University, one of the world's most prestigious collections.

YOUNG PERSON-TO-WATCH: Jabari Jones – Drexel University alumni known as the convener of West Philadelphia's entrepreneurship ecosystem, President of West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative the largest coalition of West Philadelphia small businesses, and recipient of three 40 Under 40 awards.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNERS

REQUEST FOR COVERAGE: Oct 3, 2021 • 5:30pm Honoring Philadelphia's Great Problem Solvers



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- Danita Bates - North Philadelphia Community Activist
- Oshunbumi Fernandez – President of Odunde Day
- Ivey Staten-Minor – Award winning poet and community activist
- Stephanie Booker – Founder and Executive Director, AHARI – A Home Is A Right, Inc.
- Ann Turner – Salon owner and beauty product developer, Advocate and voice for Philadelphia Barbershops and Salons, President of PPIA (Pennsylvania Professional Image Association) and 63rd Street Business Association

SPEAKERS

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. (via Zoom) - an American political activist, Baptist minister, and politician. He was a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1984 and 1988 and served as a shadow U.S. senator for the District of Columbia from 1991 to 1997

Dr. Maulana Karenga - an American professor of Africana studies, activist, and author best known as the creator of the pan-African and the African American holiday of Kwanzaa.

Queen Mother Falaka Fattah – the Founder and President of the historical House of Umoja and whose Black male youth, family, community, and non-violence work and advocacy is studied globally and has impacted generations of Philadelphians.

INTRODUCTIONS BY

- **Dr. Haki R. Madhubti** *introducing Dr. Diane L. Turner* is an African American author, educator, and poet, as well as a founder of Third World Press Foundation and Bookstore, the oldest independent publisher of Black thought and literature in the country
- **Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode, Sr.** *introducing Oshunbumi Fernandez* is the former and first African American Mayor of Philadelphia and director and organizer of the nationally acclaimed Amachi Program
- **James S. Hall, Jr., D.D.** *introducing Emma Chappelle* is Pastor and Organizer of The Triumph Baptist Church of Philadelphia
- **Lowell Thomas** *introducing Jannie Blackwell* is the Vice President of the African American Chamber of Commerce PA, NJ, DE
- **Ryan Boyer** *introducing Sam Staten, Sr.* is the Business Manager of Laborers District Council of Philadelphia and Vicinity
- **Stephen C. Satell** *introducing Dr. Molefi Asante* is the Founder/Executive Director of Philadelphia Legacies and the Bridging Worlds Program
- **Stephen Cox** *introducing Jabari Jones* is the Principal Investigator and Project Director of the National Science Foundation's Greater Philadelphia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP)
- **Karen Jordan** *introducing the legacy of the late James Spady* is a long-time friend and confidant who first met Mr. Spady at the infamous Girard College integration protest



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PHILADELPHIA'S PORTRAIT ARTISTS

- **Damon Bain** - portrait of Dr. Molefi Kete Asante
- **Laurie Cooper** - portrait of Sam Staten, Sr.
- **Terrell Johnson** - portrait of Emma Chappell
- **LaReine Nixon** - portrait of James Spady
- **Don Scott** - portrait of Jannie Blackwell