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*New Works Festival*

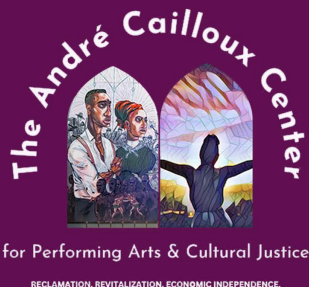
# Schedule of Events

March 19th - June 19th

2541 Bayou Rd.

New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

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# MARCH

2023

# CONVENINGS



## Black Film Festival of New Orleans

### CONVENING

**Thursday 16th**  
**Friday 17th**  
**Saturday 18th**  
**Sunday 19th**

The Black Film Festival of New Orleans is a multi-day event designed to celebrate independent films and filmmakers Hollywood has yet to notice, in classic New Orleans style.



**Visit [BFFNO.com](http://BFFNO.com) for FREE registration and a complete list of the festival's schedule and offerings.**

\*Dates of BFFNO events listed will be held at the André Cailloux Center for Performing Arts and Cultural Justice\*

**Thursday March 16 6:00pm**  
 Andre Cailloux Center 2541 Bayou Road  
**Pass It On Open Mic**  
 The Capitalist *Work in Progress screening*  
 Hosted by **iCon** and **John James the poet**  
 Featuring **Justin Lamb, Supreme Poet, Naomi Scherelle & A Scribe Called Quess**  
 Featuring **Yusa**

**Friday March 17 5:00pm**  
 Andre Cailloux Center 2541 Bayou Road

**Sunday March 19 6pm**  
 YouTube.com/@BFFNO  
**BFFNO 2023 Awards Showcase**  
 brought to you by **Sam Blakk Productions**  
 Hosted by **Mark Caesar**  
 Featuring **The Gaspy Experience**

Visit [BFFNO.com](http://BFFNO.com) for free registration March 12 - 26 Black Film Fest of New Orleans 2023

# STAND-UP WORKSHOPS

# MARCH 2023

How Children's Theatre Can Save The World  
*w/ Joel Dyson & Jaylin Darby*



**Monday 20th**

**WORKSHOP** @ 9am

For kids ages 6+ and based on the quote "The Hate U GIVE" this workshop will teach the youth what it means to be vulnerable while inspiring them to use the power of an open heart to spread love and light amongst a dim world through thrilling theatre exercises.

Acting For The Camera *w/ Lakesha Glover*

**Tuesday 21st**

**WORKSHOP** @ 12pm

**Monday 27th**

**WORKSHOP** @ 12pm

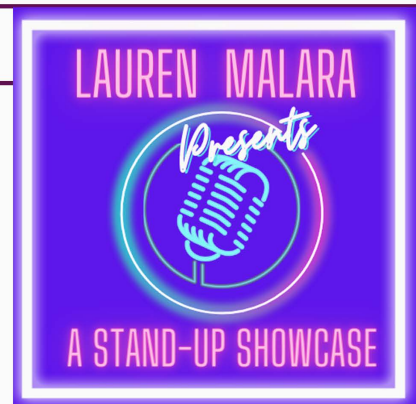
This workshop will help actors improve their audition technique and acting for self-taped and in-person auditions for theatre, television, and film. Multi-day Workshop.



Lauren Malara Presents: A Standup Showcase

**Thursday 30th**

**STAND-UP** @ 7:30pm



PREVIEWS  
**PERFORMANCES**  
 & TALKBACKS

# MARCH

## 2023

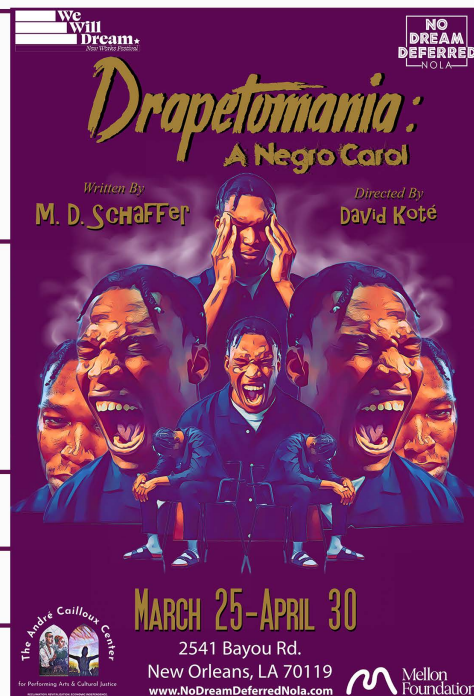
Drapetomania: A Negro Carol  
 Written By: M. D. Schaffer

**PREVIEWS**

Thursday **23rd** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm  
 Friday **24th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

**PRESHOW TALK**

Saturday **25th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm  
 Sunday **26th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm  
 Sunday **26th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm  
 Wednesday **29th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm  
 Wednesday **29th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm



**Responses In The Dark**

Drapetomania: A Negro Carol

Monday **27th** **TALKBACK** @ 7pm

This is an informal, moderated discussion between the artists and audience members led by Dr. Z'Etoile Imma. It is an opportunity to discuss the show, share your thoughts, opinions and observations.

**FREE** for participants, but they must see the show to participate in the discussion.



# BLOCK PARTY CONVENINGS WORKSHOPS

# APRIL 2023

			
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 7:30pm	w/ Whitney Mixon
			Your Own Tree w/ Lauren Turner Hines
<b>Monday 10th</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b>	@ 6pm	
			How to reclaim your power, honor your craft, and map out your own liberation and success in the arts. <b>FREE</b> for participants. Must bring (1) a piece of fruit, (2) Journal and/or pad (3) pencil and/or pen.
			
			HBCU Theatre Summit
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 9am - 8pm	
<b>Friday 14th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 9am - 6pm	
<b>Saturday 15th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 9am - 9:30pm	
<b>Sunday 16th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 9am - 3pm	
			Dance for Social Change
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 9am - 12pm	
<b>Saturday 22nd</b>	<b>CONVENING &amp; BLOCK PARTY</b>	@ 9am - 2pm	

STAND-UP  
 CONVENINGS  
 WORKSHOPS  
 PLENARY SPEAKER

**APRIL**  
 2023

James Ijames



**Thursday 20th**

**PLENARY** @ 3pm - 4:30pm

A conversation with James Ijames, winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize in Drama. **FREE** for participants, but registration is necessary to attend.

Build-A-Play w/ Brian Egland



**Sunday 23rd**

**WORKSHOP** @ 4pm

**Tuesday 25th**

**WORKSHOP** @ 4pm

A playwriting course guided by festival playwright and current National Black Theatre Resident, Brian Egland. Participants will need a laptop. Multi-Day.

Lauren Malara Presents: A Standup Showcase



**Thursday 27th**

**STAND-UP** @ 7:30pm

Global Majority Intimacy Conference



**Friday 28th**

**CONVENING** @ 2pm *Keynote by Kaja Dunn*

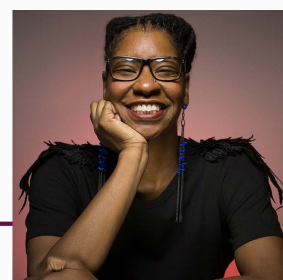
**Saturday 29th**

**CONVENING** @ 9am

**Sunday 30th**

**CONVENING** @ 11am *Keynote by Ann James*

Jazz and Justice  
 w/ Nia Weeks & Citizen SHE



**Sunday 30th**

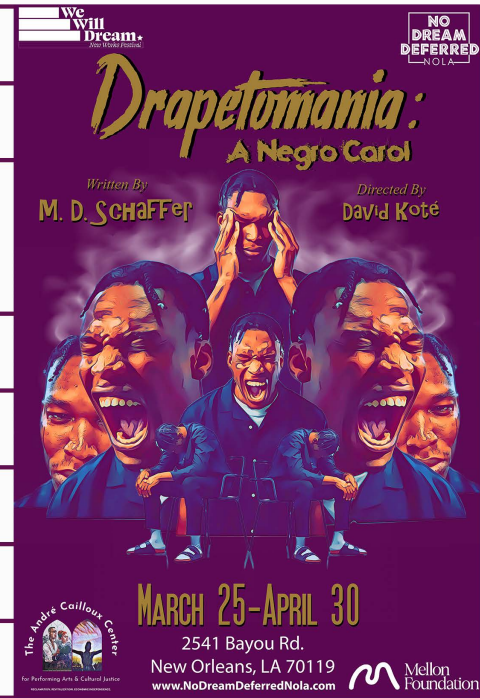
**CONVENING** @ 9am - 10:30pm

# PERFORMANCES

# APRIL 2023

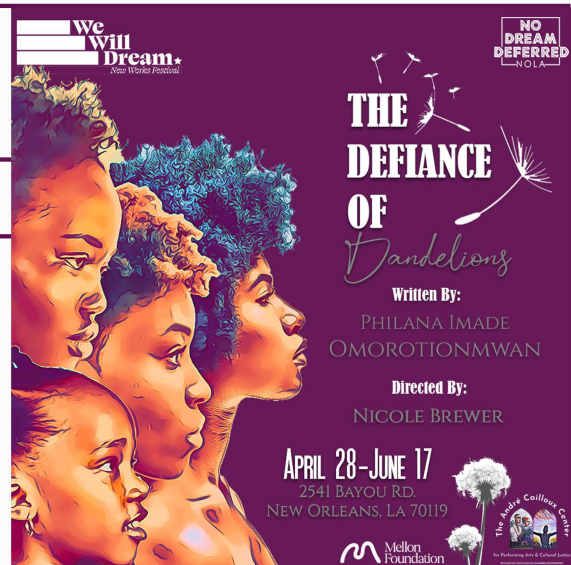
Drapetomania: A Negro Carol  
Written By: M. D. Schaffer

Wednesday <b>5th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Wednesday <b>12th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 12pm
	<i>PRESHOW TALK</i>
Saturday <b>15th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Sunday <b>16th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Saturday <b>22nd</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Wednesday <b>26th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 12pm
Saturday <b>29th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 5pm
Sunday <b>30th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 3pm



The Defiance of Dandelions  
Written By: Philana Imade Omorotionmwan

Wednesday <b>26th</b>	<i>PREVIEW</i> <b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Friday <b>28th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm



# PERFORMANCES & TALKBACKS

# APRIL 2023

Where the Suga Still Sweet  
Written By: Brian Egland

## PREVIEW

Thursday **6th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Saturday **8th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Wednesday **12th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Thursday **13th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm

Friday **14th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

## PRESHOW TALK

Saturday **15th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm

Wednesday **19th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Friday **21st** **PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Saturday **29th** **PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm



## Responses In The Dark

Where the Suga Still Sweet

Monday **10th** **TALKBACK** @ 7pm

This is an informal, moderated discussion between the artists and audience members led by Dr. Laura Rosanne Adderley. It is an opportunity to discuss the show, share your thoughts, opinions and observations.

**FREE** for participants, but they must see the show to participate in the discussion.





OPEN-MIC  
 CONVENINGS  
 WORKSHOPS  
 PLENARY SPEAKER

**MAY**  
 2023

		The Self Aware Millennial LIVE	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>CONVENING</b> @ 7:30pm w/ Dylan Trần	
		Jazz and Justice w/ Nia Weeks & Citizen SHE	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b> @ 9am - 10:30am	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b> @ 9am - 10:30am	
		Renaissance Nola	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>OPEN MIC</b> @ 7pm - 10pm	
		Intellectual Property and Copyright w/ Tiffany Vega-Gibson	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>WORKSHOP</b> @ 6pm	
		Learn how to know when “to sue” and “how to not get sued” while creating your work.	
		Erika Dickerson-Despenza	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>PLENARY</b> @ 7:00pm	
		A conversation with Erika Dickerson-Despenza, the 2021 winner of the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize.. <b>FREE</b> for participants, but registration is necessary to attend.	

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# MAY 2023

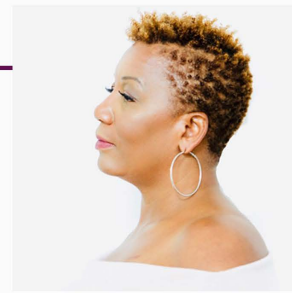
## *Responses In The Dark*

The Defiance of Dandelions

Monday **1st**

**TALKBACK** @ 7pm

This is an informal, moderated discussion between the artists and audience members led by Bernice McFadden. **FREE** for participants, but they must see the show to participate.



The Defiance of Dandelions

Written By: Philana Imade Omorotionmwan

Thursday **4th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 8pm

Friday **5th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm

Sunday **7th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 3pm

Thursday **11th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Friday **12th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 3pm

Saturday **13th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Thursday **18th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Friday **19th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 12pm

*PRESHOW TALK*

Saturday **20th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 3pm

Thursday **25th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 7pm

Friday **26th**

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Saturday **27th**

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Saturday **27th**

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Sunday **28th**

**PERFORMANCE** @ 3pm

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**We Will Dream**  
New Works Festival

Jahir Christian Rhonda Johnson Dents Jonas Charlock Sterling Spralls

## The DEFIANCE OF Dandelions

WRITTEN BY:  
PHILANA  
OMOROTIONMWAN

Directed By:  
NICOLE  
BREWER

APRIL 28-JUNE 17  
2541 BAYOU RD.  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70119

Mellon Foundation

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# PERFORMANCES

# MAY 2023

Where the Suga Still Sweet  
Written By: Brian Egland

Wednesday <b>3rd</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Thursday <b>4th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 12pm
Friday <b>5th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Saturday <b>6th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 3pm
Sunday <b>7th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Wednesday <b>10th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Thursday <b>11th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 12pm
Friday <b>12th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Wednesday <b>17th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Thursday <b>18th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 12pm
Saturday <b>20th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 7pm
Sunday <b>21st</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE</b> @ 3pm



# JUNE

## 2023

# PERFORMANCES

The Defiance of Dandelions

Written By: Philana Imade Omorotionmwan

<b>Thursday 1st</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Friday 2nd</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 3pm</b>
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Friday 9th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 1pm</b>
<b>Thursday 15th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Friday 16th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>
<b>Saturday 17th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 1pm</b>
<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE @ 7pm</b>



OPEN-MIC  
TALKBACKS  
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JUNETEENTH GALA

**JUNE**  
2023

		The Self Aware Millennial LIVE	
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	<b>CONVENING</b>	@ 7:30pm w/ Martin "BATS" Bradford	
		Renaissance Nola	
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>OPEN MIC</b>	Following the 7pm performance of The Defiance of Dandelions	
		Sons of Liberty Written By: Cris Eli Blak	
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>STAGED READING</b>	@ 7pm	
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>STAGED READING</b>	@ 2pm	
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	<b>STAGED READING</b>	@ 7pm	
		<b>Responses In The Dark</b> Drapetomania: A Negro Carol	
<b>Monday 12th</b>	<b>TALKBACK</b>	@ 7pm	
		This is an informal, moderated discussion between the artists and audience members led by Dr. Robin Vander. It is an opportunity to discuss the show, share your thoughts, opinions and observations. <b>FREE</b> for participants, but they must see the show to participate in the discussion.	
		Juneteenth Gala	
<b>Monday 19th</b>	<b>GALA</b>		