

# Play and Performance | The 42nd Annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series

## Program

### Saturday, February 19th

The Newark Museum of Art, 49 Washington St

- 8:30 AM**      Check-In  
Bradford Hayes - Court  
Speakers Arrive
- 9:00 AM**      Blessing  
Chief Vincent Mann | Contact  
Chief of Turtle Clan, Ramapough Lenape Nation; Water  
Protector and Community Organizer; Co-Founder of the Ramapough Culture and Land  
Foundation
- Welcome to Newark Museum  
Linda Harrison, Director, and CEO of Newark Museum of Art
- Welcome to the 42nd Annual MTW Lecture Series  
Dr. Jack Tchen, Director, Clement A. Price Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern  
Experience, Rutgers University–Newark
- Black National Anthem, *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*  
Performed by Carla Cook
- Prudential Greeting  
Shané Harris, Vice President of Social Responsibility and Partnerships, The Prudential  
Foundation
- Remarks  
Executive Vice Chancellor Sherri-Ann Butterfield, Rutgers University–Newark Introduces  
the Mayor
- Mayor Ras Baraka, City of Newark
- President Jonathan Holloway, Rutgers University
- Chancellor Nancy Cantor, Rutgers University–Newark
- 9:45 AM**      “On Play and Performance” Dr. Salamishah Tillet, Director of Express Newark
- 9:50 AM**      Introduction: Dr. Salamishah Tillet, Director of Express Newark and New Arts Justice
- Tyler Mitchell**, Photographer & Filmmaker  
Moderator: **Dr. Deborah Willis**, University Professor and Chair of the Department of  
Photography & Imaging, The Tisch School of the Arts, New York University

- 10:35 AM** Introduction: Wayne Winborne, Director, Institute of Jazz Studies
- 10:40 AM** **Regina Carter**, Director Geri Allen Jazz Camp, New Jersey Performing Arts Center; Doris Duke Artist; MacArthur Fellow in conversation  
Moderator: **Farah Jasmine Griffin**, Chair of African-American & African Diaspora Studies; Director of the Institute for Research in African American Studies and the William B. Ransford Professor of English & Comparative Literature and African-American Studies, Columbia University
- 11:30 AM** Presentation of the Giles R. Wright Award  
Larry Green, New Jersey Historical Commission  
  
*Giles Wright Award Recipient:*  
  
Monmouth County Historical Association  
Project: "Beneath the Floorboards: Whispers of the Enslaved at Marlpit Hall, Monmouth County, NJ"
- 11:40 AM** Tea Break  
with Musical Performance by the Bradford Hayes Quartet
- 12:40 PM** Introduction:  
Henone Girma, Associate Curator of the Arts for Global Africa, Newark Museum  
  
**Bisa Butler**, Artist, United States Fellow  
Moderator: **Linda Harrison**, Director & CEO, The Newark Museum of Art  
  
Introduction: Dr. Jacqueline Matthis, Dean, School of the Arts and Sciences, RU-N  
  
**Dominique Morisseau**, Author, Producer, & Playwright  
Moderator: **Kamilah Forbes**, Director & Executive Producer of The Apollo
- 1:30 PM** Closing Remarks  
Dr. Salamishah Tillet and Dr. Jack Tchen