

CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY SHOWCASE



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COMMUNITY FOLK ART CENTER

JUNE 25TH 2025

CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY SHOWCASE PROGRAM

Welcome

Executive Director Dr.
Tanisha Jackson, Ph.D.

A Message From the CFAC Board

Board President
Charles Jackson

Showcase Introduction

Education Outreach Program
Coordinator- Kofi Antwi

A Word From Mastermind Chess Club

Chess Volunteers

Poetry Performance

Cheeki Williams

Musical Performances Piano & Song

Berny Williford

Ballet

Charles Haislah

Strings Performance

Sun Family

African Drumming

David 'Etse' Nyadedzor

Closing Remarks

CFAC Staff

Visual Arts Tour

Iris Williams

~~ Refreshments and Reception ~~

COMMUNITY FOLK ART CENTER

The Community Folk Art Center, Inc. is a vibrant cultural and artistic hub committed to the promotion and development of artists of the African Diaspora. The mission of the center is to exalt cultural and artistic pluralism by collecting, exhibiting, teaching, and interpreting the visual and expressive arts.

Public programming includes exhibitions, film screenings, gallery talks, workshops, and courses in the studio arts, including dance and ceramics. A proud unit of the African American Studies Department at Syracuse University, CFAC is a beacon of artistry, creativity, and cultural expression engaging the Syracuse community, the region, and the world.

COMMUNITY FOLK ART CENTER STAFF

Tanisha M. Jackson, Ph.D. - Executive Director
Hadassah Onimiya - Administrative Specialist
Kofi A. Antwi - Education Outreach Program Coordinator
Alexia I. Carr - Marketing Outreach Coordinator
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Alexander Vamvakias - Office Assistant

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Tanisha M. Jackson, Ph.D. – Ex-Officio (CFAC Executive Director)
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CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY CLASS OF 2025

Maryam Abdo
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Kendall Antwi
Kofi Antwi, Jr.
London Carpenter
Naomi Carpenter
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Phoebe Cronlund
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Abigail Sprague
Victoria Sprague
Soshe Stroman
Abigail Sun
Kelly Sun
Thomas Sun
Cameron Taylor
Carter Taylor
Gabriella Vavonese
Josiah Washington
Ileeana Williams
I'lea Williams
Bernard Williford, Jr.



INSTRUCTORS



Leigh Perry
Benedict



Iris Williams



Berny Williford



Cheeki Williams



Charles Haislah



David 'Etse'
Nyadedzor



Kenyatta Calloway



Maria Torres



Mastermind Chess Club Volunteers

John Elliott, Walter Eiland, Christopher Sease, Greg Clark, William Boyde, Johny Sease, Al McKinnon, & Anthony Griffin

