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MARCH 14, 2020

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Over the past half century, Washington Performing Arts has presented legendary women like Jessye Norman, Denyce Graves, and Anoushka Shankar; helped launch and champion careers of luminous artists like Midori, Hilary Hahn, and Yuja Wang; and reached hundreds of thousands of area youth through education and community programming. Today we continue our trailblazing commitment to founder Patrick Hayes’ vision of “everybody in, nobody out.” Join us to celebrate how women change the world through the arts!

GALA HONOREE
SHEILA C. JOHNSON

Sheila C. Johnson is founder and CEO of Salamander Hotels & Resorts, overseeing a portfolio of luxury properties including the Forbes Five Star-rated Salamander Resort & Spa. Ms. Johnson is a partner and Vice Chairman of Monumental Sports & Entertainment which owns the WNBA World Champion Washington Mystics (for which she serves as President and Managing Partner), NHL’s 2018 Stanley Cup Champion Washington Capitals, and the NBA’s Washington Wizards. In the media realm, Ms. Johnson co-founded Black Entertainment Television and has served as executive producer of documentary and feature films.

A fervent supporter of the arts, she chaired the Metropolitan Opera’s 2019-20 season opening gala for Porgy and Bess, and is actively engaged in the development of Broadway-bound theatrical productions. An accomplished violinist, Ms. Johnson received a degree in music from the University of Illinois, and she has dedicated herself to arts education as both a teacher and change agent and advocate. At the request of Queen Noor of Jordan, her Young Strings in Action orchestra performed at the Jerash Festival. She received the Al Nada award, Jordan’s highest educational honor, from King Hussein for the creation of the country’s first National Music Conservatory. Locally Ms. Johnson established the Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center at the Hill School, which supports students and the Middleburg community. She serves on the Board of Governors of Parsons School of Design, and is founder and chair of the Middleburg Film Festival.
MICHELLE MILLER
Emcee

The co-host of *CBS This Morning: Saturday*, Michelle Miller is an Emmy Award-winning correspondent for CBS News based in New York. Her work regularly appears on the *CBS Evening News*, *CBS This Morning* and *CBS Sunday Morning*. She is a graduate of Howard University.

J’NAI BRIDGES
Mezzo-soprano

J’Nai Bridges, known for her “plush-voiced mezzo-soprano” (*The New York Times*), has been heralded as “a rising star” (*Los Angeles Times*), gracing the world’s top stages. Her 2019/20 operatic engagements in the U.S. include her debut at The Metropolitan Opera, singing the role of Nefertiti in Philip Glass’ opera *Akhnaten*, and her house and role debut at Washington National Opera performing Dalila in *Samson et Dalila*.

THE STRING QUEENS

Washington Performing Arts’ 2019/20 Mars Arts D.C. Ensemble-in-Residence, The String Queens are Kendall Isadore, Dawn Johnson, and Élise Sharp—three genre-defying musicians who have collaborated with artists across the music industry, including Fantasia, Ariana Grande, Janelle Monáe, and Common. TSQ blend styles from the Baroque through the Jazz Age and today’s *Billboard* Hot 100 Chart, inspiring creative expression and appreciation both as performers and as arts educators in the D.C. area.

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One of Washington Performing Arts’ resident ensembles, COTG is a destination for students seeking dynamic vocal training and high profile performance experience. Led by Michele Fowlin, COTG has performed for presidents at the White House, foreign dignitaries at the National Memorial Service for Nelson Mandela, for the Library of Congress at the opening of *Rosa Parks: In Her Own Words*, and on NBC’s *Today*. 
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Washington Performing Arts deeply values its partnerships with local organizations and other arts institutions. Through events in myriad performance venues, neighborhoods, and more than 100 public schools, Washington Performing Arts engages international visiting artists in community programs and introduces local artists to wider audiences. We place a premium on establishing artists as a continuing presence in the lives of both young people and adults through residencies and educational programs.

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