FALL 2016 CULTURAL ARTS SERIES AT A GLANCE

“BIG MAMA SPEAKS” FEATURING VANESSA ADAMS HARRIS
Thursday, Sept. 22
7 p.m., Fowler Hall, Stewart Center
This one-act play traces the history of the “Greenwood District” — Tulsa, Oklahoma’s African-American community renowned nationally in the early 20th century for its preeminent black entrepreneurs.

ART BURTON
Wednesday, Oct. 26
7 p.m., Stewart Center, Room 206
Hear Art Burton, the author of three critically acclaimed books who has spent the majority of his career reclaiming the heritage of African-Americans in the American West, speak in Stewart Center.

ROXANE GAY LECTURE
Thursday, Oct. 20
6:30 p.m., Ivy Tech Auditorium
Roxane Gay, a Purdue faculty member and renowned author of “Bad Feminist” (a New York Times best-seller dubbed by Time magazine “a manual on how to be human”), will speak at this event sponsored by Indiana Voices of Women, the Purdue LGBTQ Center and the BCC.
BCC Friends and Family Day
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
that features powerful acts, words, movement and music.
Don't miss your chance to see our several outstanding Performing Arts Ensembles in a showcase
7 p.m., BCC
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 21-22

LEGENDS OF THE WILD WEST
INTERSECTIONS is a collaborative concert to honor the importance of African heritage in the musical
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BASS REEVES
Reeves, a former slave, was one of the first black deputy U.S. marshals west of the Mississippi River. He is regarded as one of the greatest frontier heroes in American history.

BILLY PICKETT
William "Billy" Pickett is a cowboy legend. He is often called the best-known African-American rodeo performer of all time.

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NOVEMBER
Mavis Staples — “Living on a High Note”
Friday, Nov. 4
Pre-show at 7 p.m., Stewart Center Room 202
8 p.m., Loeb Playhouse
Tickets: $25-44
Co-sponsored by Purdue Convocations
Hear the incredible story of Mavis Staples and her influence on gospel music and civil rights, as told by James Dekle, a BCC Artist-In-Residence.

BCC Alumni Speaker Series — Dr. Kimberly Ellis (aka “Dr. Goddess”)
Wednesday, Nov. 9
7 p.m., Stewart Center, Room 206
Dr. Kimberly Ellis is a writer, entertainer, entrepreneur and activist who earned her PhD in American Studies from Purdue. As a student, she was plugged into the BCC, choreographing dance works for the Jabari Dance Troupe and working as a columnist for the BCC newspaper.

ENTERTAINMENT IN HISTORIC IDLEWILD: THE SUMMER APOLLO OF MICHIGAN
Tuesday, Nov. 15
See a photograph exhibit of the Arthur Braggs Idlewild Revue that showcases the significance of entertainment in the historic black resort.

DECEMBER
Cultural Arts Festival
Friday, Dec. 2
7 p.m., Luhrs Playhouse, Stewart Center
Admission: General public, $17; Purdue students, $5
“On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors: The Art of Willis Bing Davis”
Dec. 18-Feb. 26
Art Museum of Greater Lafayette
Working in paint, pastel, ceramics and mixed media, Willis Bing Davis is inspired by and draws upon his rich African heritage, creating contemporary works that reflect his ancestral past. Don’t miss your chance to see his collection, which has been exhibited at numerous venues including the Studio Museum of Harlem and the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

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