



LANGSTON'S HARLEM NIGHTS

SPONSORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

ANNUAL POETRY READING



For 28 years, the **annual Langston Hughes Community Poetry Reading (LHCPR)** has been the legacy event that remains the must-see opening entrée into Black History Month events in Rhode Island. It celebrates the late **Langston Hughes'** ties to this State as well as amplifies his extended reach beyond being the writer and voice of the Harlem Renaissance. This occasion also continues to bring people together. A diverse group - young, old and of different backgrounds, professions, abilities and races - reads and performs selected poems from Hughes' extensive collection of work in front of an audience that has been more than 500 people consistently over the last several years.

In addition to its annual poetry readings, the committee of organizers are committed to:

- Being the torch bearer in New England for Hughes and his important contributions to American history, culture, and civic philosophy
- Raise awareness to all about the impact of Hughes' life and work then and now
- Introduce and teach curriculum about Hughes to younger generations and showcase the lessons learned with youth events
- Foster community with Hughes' work as a natural conduit for engaged conversation and deep consideration



PROPOSAL

ABOUT THE FUNDRAISER



To continue its needed ambassador work and popular annual community poetry readings, the Committee is having a **Langston's Harlem Nights fundraiser on November 18th, 2023** at Machine & Magnets, 400 Main St. Pawtucket, RI.

In the spirit of the Harlem Renaissance, it will be an old-fashioned rent party with a jazzy, dress up, high-style-nightclub feel. There will be live jazz music to groove to, a best dressed competition, heavy hors d'oeuvres, displayed art that takes you back to the 1920s, rent party themed drinks and mocktails as well as other surprise performances, including poetry. The maximum guests will be 200 people.

The goal is to raise **\$30,000**.

THE TEAM

April Brown & S. Kai Cameron
Co-Directors

Alisha Pina
Fundraiser Project Manager

Fundraiser Committee

Members include Christina Bevilacqua, Ayana Bass, Michele Adamo, Ramona Bass, Bob Dilworth, Diane Minasian, Damont Combs, Allison Broome



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

\$50 – Quarter Page Ad in Event Program (ticket not included)

\$100 – Half Page Ad in Event Program (ticket not included)

\$200 – Full Page Ad in Event Program (ticket no included)

GUEST & CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

All levels listed as supporters in Event Program

Young Sailor Sponsor - \$500

- Four tickets (\$300)
- Half page ad in the program (\$100)

Juke Box Love Song Sponsor - \$1,000

- Six tickets (\$450)
- Full page ad in the program (\$200)

Black Seed Sponsor - \$2,500

- Eight tickets (\$600)
- Full page ad in the program (\$200)
- Logo on banner
- Logo on all printed materials

Dreamer Sponsor (2 only at this tier) - \$5,000

- 10 tickets
- Logo on the banner
- Full page ad, either inside cover or inside back cover
- Logo on all printed materials

Freedom Seeker Sponsor (1 only at this tier) - \$10,000

- 10 tickets
- Presenting sponsor
- Logo on the banner
- Full page, back cover ad
- Logo on all printed materials



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