OMA Cultural Awareness Series – 1991 - 2011

1991-1992

“Behind The Scenes In The Persian Gulf War” – Mr. Willard Shepard and Mr. Fred Lamar Saxton

“Blacks in Russian History” – Dr. Lily Golden

“On Being Puerto Rican” – Ms. Myrne E. Villanueva

“Civil Rights and the Collective Commitment” – Dr. Barbara A. Sizemore

“Whither Education: Are We Losing Our Future?” – Dr. Dalmas A. Taylor

“Black Women in Jazz” – Dr. Evan Morse

1993-1994

“Latino Festival Day” – HispanoDanza

“Black, Red, and Deadly: Black and Indian Gunfighters of the Indian Territory” – Art T. Burton

“Panorama of African American Theatre” – Ensemble Theatre

“Equity Only Begins With Access What We Teach Is What We Get” – Niara Sudarkasa

“Informance” Expressions and Black Songs – Dr. J. Lanye

“The History of Women in the Judiciary” – The Honorable Sara J. Harper

1994-1995


“Erhu Concert” – Zhao Rongchun

“Martial Arts Demonstration” – Ted W, Knecht and Wolf Hofmann

“The New South Africa: Challenges of Diversity” – Maki Mandela

“Women and the Media” Bernita Berry


1995-1996

“Sister! Sister!” – Vinie Burrows
“Authentic Voices of Ancestors: Native Americans and Africans in America” – Molefi Asante

“When I was Puerto Rican” – Esmeralda Santiago

“Tamara and the Shadow Theatre of Java, a Rare Theatrical Experience from Indonesia” – Tamara Fieling

“History of African Americans in Cleveland” – Samuel W. Black

“African-American Heritage Trail Tour” – Margret Bernstein

Chinese New Year – Zhao Rongchun

1997-1998

JCU Diversity Gala -- Coretta Scott King

“What a Book! The Making of the Norton Anthology of African American Literature” – Nellie McKay

“Are You an Indian?” – Guy W. Jones


“Migration and the Literary Imagination: A Reading” – Cristina Garcia Will

“Promises to Keep: America’s Unfinished Agenda” -- Aileen C. Hernandez

1998-1999

“An Indian Woman in Guatemala” -- Rigoberta Menchu Tum

“Africa: Renaissance of the New Millennium” – Mr. Salih Booker

“Indian Affairs in the 21st Century” -- Philip S. Deloria

“The Journey from Spirituals to Gospel to Jazz” -- Grace Lee Mims

“Living Vignettes of Women from the Past"

(“Immigration and the American Dream” -- Margaret Wong)

2000-2001

“A Conversation with Roland Hinojosa” -- Dr. Rolando Hinojosa Smith
“Cross Country Music & Dance in Cuba: A Musical Journey from Havana to Santiago to Guantanamo” — Dolores White

“Catholicism & Its Openness to Other Religions” — Francis Cardinal Arinze of Nigeria

“A Native Americans Today, with a Focus of Justice Issues” — Juanita Helphrey

“Being an Asian American Writer” — Kyoka Mori

“Paul Robeson, Actor, Activist, American” — Philip Hayes Dean

“From Caterpillar to Butterfly” — Beverly Lloyd

“An Evening with Sonia Sanchez” — Sonia Sanchez

2001-2002

“Identity, Culture, & Dignity as the Basis for Unity: Latino Experience” — Priit Thomas

“Many Tongues: One Heart” — Dr. Terry Tafoya

“On Courage & Democratic Pluralism: Challenges of Racial & Ethnic Diversity” Dr. Lucius T. Outlaw

“Remembering Paul Robeson: A Son’s Tale” — Paul Robeson, Jr.

Chinese New Year — “Lion Dance - A Bit of Chinese Culture”

Langston Hughes Multicultural Film Festival

Performance & Lecture: True Diversity — Magdalen Hsu-Li

“The Genius of Langston Hughes” — Dr. Arnold Rampersad

“It’s Time to Talk: A Public Forum on Race Relations” — Dr. Cornel West

2003-2004

“Bringing the Orient to America” an Asian Fashion Extravaganza

“Samskriti,” East Indian Dance Performance

Robert Ocasio’s Latin Jazz Project and Tropical Jam Orchestra

Hispanics, an Emerging Voice in Greater Cleveland — Councilman Nelson Cintron

“Cultura: Latin Style”, Latin Cultural Fair with Ritmo y Raza Dance Company and The Taste of Latin America

“Cultural Diversity” — Dr. Samuel Betances
Pow Wow – Native American/ Indian Heritage Month

“Dr. King’s World View through Music,” Martin Luther King Commemorative Program – Kentucky State University opera Music Theater Workshop Choir and the R. Nathaniel Dett concert Choir of Cleveland School of the Performing Arts

“An Evening with Chuck D” - Chuck D

“Alphabet vs. the Ghetto,” - Jessica Care Moore

“Creating the Diary of Sally Hemmings” - Professor Sandra Seaton

“Building Cultural Confidence in understanding Arab Americans and Muslim Americans” - Lobna Luby Ismail

“The Legacy of African American Feminism,” Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall

2004-2005

“Witness to history- the Japanese- American internment camp experience” - Ed Ezaki, Japanese American Citizens League

“Planting seeds, inspiring future leaders” - Consuela Castillo Kickbusch

“We Are Family” – Russell Barefoot and Kevin Williams

Pow Wow- Robert Roche, storyteller from the American-Indian Education Center

“Dismantling Institutional Racism” - Tim Wise, social justice activist

“Nationalities for Peace- MLK musical celebration – Rachel Redcross 04’ and Gospel Choir

“Happy New Year” Lunar New Year Celebration

Michael Eric Dyson, PhD, best-selling author, scholar and cultural critic

“A prisoner of war- one woman’s story” - Shoshanna Johnson, U.S. Army specialist and the first African-American woman pow

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Jeff Johnson "Cousin Jeff"
Veronica Dahlberg
Ada Deer
Helen Zia
African-American Inventors and Inventions Exhibit
Damali Ayo
Ed Gordon

2007-2008

Comedy Fest Featuring: Gary Owen and Dat Phan
Hispanic Arts and Cultural Group Inc.
Dr. Steve L. Robbins
Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord
(Nuttin' but Stringz featuring Tourie Escobar and Damien Escobar)
Spoken Word Poets
Ephren W. Taylor II

2008-2009

OMA's Annual Comedy Fest Featuring: Damon Williams and Tissa Hami
Uwem Akpan
Rev. Robin Hoover
Louis Stokes
Shawn Wong
American – Indian Dancers
Kevin Powell
Tim Wise

Spoken Word Poets – Joe Hernandez-Kolski

Jacque Reid

Linda Chavez

2009-2010

OMA’s Annual Comedy Fest Featuring: Roy Wood Jr

Amy Anderson

Sonia Nazario

The Color Orange

Zonnie Gorman

Basheer Jones reflects on MLK

Vernon Wall

2010-2011

Fr. Gregory Boyle

OMA’s 4th Annual Comedy Fest featuring Christopher Titus & LaVance Lining

Post-Racial Comedy Tour Featuring: Christian Lander & Elon James

Veronica Dahlberg

BD Wong

Dr. Marc Lamont Hill

Nuttin’ But Stringz