

The Association of American Cultures (TAAC)
Open Dialogue XI: Global Connections to Cultural Democracy
The Magnolia Hotel, Denver, Colorado
July 12–15, 2007

PROGRAM AGENDA

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM AGENDA,
TOPICS, AND FEATURED SPEAKERS

THURSDAY, JULY 12

4:00 pm
WESTAF welcome

4:10 pm
Open Dialogue #1: *The process: “What do you want to talk about?”*

6:00 pm
Opening Reception in the Magnolia Ballroom

7:00 pm
TAAC Welcome
by **Louis LeRoy**, TAAC President and founding board member

7:10 pm
Introduction
by **James Early**, TAAC board member and Director of Cultural Heritage Policy, Center for Folklife & Cultural Heritage, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

7:30 pm
Keynote Address
Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous World Issues and Challenges: An Invitation to a Global Conversation
by **Doudou Diène**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance for the United Nations High Commission on Human Rights

8:00 pm
Managed Group discussion, facilitated by James Early

8:30 pm
Adjourn

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8:00 am
Open Dialogue #2
Over breakfast, groups will discuss topics identified during the opening session.

9:00 am
Symposium begins
Symposium Facilitators
James Early

Sunya Ganbold, Former coordinator of New York City's Mongolian Art and Folk Festival; former Director of Public Relations, Denver's Museum of Contemporary Art; New York, NY

Discussant:

Loie Fecteau, Executive Director of New Mexico Arts, Santa Fe, NM

Symposium Session A:

The History and Significance of TAAC and Other Organizations' Work on Racism and Cultural Democracy in our Nation

A reflection and analysis of the initial context for the establishment of organizations of color such as TAAC and an introduction to Global Connections to Cultural Democracy.

Presenters

Suzanne Benally, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, Naropa University; Boulder, CO

A.B. Spellman, Scholar, poet, and longtime Senior NEA Official, Washington, DC

Louis LeRoy

9:45 am

Break

10:00 am

Symposium Session B:

Changing Culture-Scapes

Perspectives on the developments that have occurred since the mid 1980s—demographics, technological advances, etc.—that have changed the national and transnational “culture-scape” for issues of interest to communities of color organized to work in the arts.

Presenters

Tomás Ybarra-Frausto, Winner of the Smithsonian Institution's Henry Medal and former Associate Director for Creativity and Culture at the Rockefeller Foundation, New York, NY

Tabassum Haleem, Executive Director and CEO, Organization of Islamic Speakers Midwest, Inc., Chicago, IL

Roland Tanglao, Co-Founder, Bryght, Canadian Technologist, Vancouver, BC

Respondents

Shani Jamila O'Neal, Host and producer, *Blackademics* radio program; co-host, BlackSoul Mondays; essayist; human rights researcher and speaker, Washington, DC

Art Jones, Clinical Professor of Psychology, University of Denver; Founder and Chair, The Spirituals Project, Denver, CO

Annette Evans Smith, Vice President of Community Relations at the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Anchorage, AK

11:30 am

Break

11:45 am

Lunch, Open Dialogue #3

1:15 pm

Symposium Session C: Migration of Peoples, Cultural Flows and the Surrounding Political Debate

A discussion about what we can learn from the U.S. immigration debate and the dialogue surrounding global migration. Analysis of how the arts intersect these issues.

Presenters

Maria-Rosario Jackson,

Senior Research Associate, Director, Culture, Creativity and Communities Program, Urban Institute, Washington, DC

Ilona Kish, Secretary General, European Forum for the Arts and Heritage, Brussels, Belgium

Diana Molina, Internationally recognized photographer and journalist, NM

Respondents

Cristina King Miranda, Mexico arts leader and one of the country's foremost arts administrators, Mexico City, Mexico

2:45 pm

Break

3:00 pm

Symposium Session D: *Building a Cultural Democracy Agenda for the Future*

A policy discussion about how TAAC and other organizations can meaningfully contribute to cultural democracy.

Presenters

Rick Hernandez, Executive Director, Texas Commission on the Arts, Austin, TX

Tatiana Reinoza, Artist, curator, co-founder of the Women's Art Forum in Sacramento, and active leader in the Latino art community, Austin, TX

Respondents

Justin Laing, Program Officer, The Heinz Endowments, Pittsburgh, PA

Jennifer Armstrong, Executive Director, Champaign County Arts, Culture & Entertainment Council, Champaign, IL

4:15 pm

Group Discussion

5:15 pm

Break

5:30 pm

Global Cultural Roundtable Discussion

Young leaders in the arts from around the world will talk about how to maintain a global cultural exchange, continue dialogue on funding and leadership, and discuss their experiences at the conference.

7:00 p.m.

Adjourn

7:30 p.m.

Reception at the Museo de las Americas

Dinner on your own, attend Denver cultural events, network with conference attendees.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

8:30 am

Open Dialogue #4

9:00 am

All-day Seminar

Succeeding in a World of Distractions: Ways to Advance the Performing Arts in a World of Increasing Options

9:30 am

Open Dialogue #5

10:30 am

Break

10:45 am

Open Dialogue #6

11:45 am

Break

12:00 pm

**Lunch on your own at one of Denver's exceptional downtown restaurants
Symposium concludes**

1:30 pm

Professional Development Workshops

Chaired by **Teniqua Broughton**, President-Elect of the Arizona Alliance for Arts Education, and Cultural Participation Manager at Arizona State University (ASU) Gammage, Tempe, AZ
Faculty TBD

Workshops

:: Harnessing New Technologies for the Arts

:: The Future of Arts Funding in the Public and Private Sectors.

:: Managing a Cultural Organization as a Segment of the Creative Economy

5:00 pm

Adjourn

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Performing Arts Showcase at the Denver Center for Performing Arts

- **Rennie Harris PureMovement Dance Company**
- **Laura "Piece" Kelly**
- **The Spirituals Project**
- **Ozzie Kotani**

SUNDAY, JULY 15

5:00 am

Sunrise Celebration

at Riverfront Park

9:00 am

Final Open Dialogue Session

11:00 am

Adjourn