

# APOLLO

## **Celebrate *Holidays at the Apollo* With Festive Programs for Audiences of All Ages**

### ***COCA-COLA WINTER WONDERLAND***

Under the Apollo Theater's Iconic Marquee  
*Saturday, December 15 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.*

### ***AMATEUR NIGHT HOLIDAY SPECIAL***

Featuring the Apollo Stars of Tomorrow Alumni  
**Christian Guardino, Alexis Morrast, Leah Jenea Ganes and Emily Carr**  
With Special Guests **The Walls Group**  
Hosted by **Capone**  
*Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.*

### ***HOLIDAY JOY: A GOSPEL CELEBRATION***

Featuring  
**Hezekiah Walker** with the **Love Fellowship Choir and CeCe Winans**  
Hosted by **Marcus Wiley**  
*Saturday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m.*

### ***KWANZAA CELEBRATION: REGENERATION NIGHT***

A Night of Dance, Culture, Community, and Family  
Featuring **Abdel R. Salaam's Forces of Nature Dance Theatre,**  
With Special Guest  
**Sonia Sanchez**  
Hosted by **Imhotep Gary Byrd**  
*Sunday, December 29 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.*

**Harlem, NY – November 6, 2018** – This December, the Apollo Theater will celebrate the holidays with offerings for the entire family. *Holidays at the Apollo* includes programs that will celebrate culture, music, and community during the festive season. Additionally, as part of *Holidays at the Apollo*, patrons can save \$3 per ticket by bringing a donated item (children's toy, home goods, or canned good) to one of the holiday shows.

*Highlights of the Holidays at the Apollo include:*

- ***Coca-Cola Winter Wonderland*** (Saturday, December 15) the theater's free annual family event taking place under the iconic Apollo marquee, features live entertainment, presentations, a visit from Santa, and a toy and book drive for a Harlem charity.

- **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Night Holiday Special** (Saturday, December 15), a special edition of the theater's signature program *Amateur Night at the Apollo* showcasing talented young alumni of the show's "Apollo Stars of Tomorrow" category. Performers include, **Christian Guardino, Alexis Morrast, Leah Jenea Ganes** and **Emily Carr**, with special guests **The Walls Group**. The holiday special is hosted by **Capone**.
- **Holiday Joy: A Gospel Celebration** (Saturday, December 22) featuring **Hezekiah Walker** with the **Love Fellowship Choir and CeCe Winans**. The concert is hosted by comedian **Marcus Wiley**.
- **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night** (Saturday, December 29) now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year at the Apollo, honors the principles of Kwanzaa through music, dance, and community celebration featuring **Abel R. Salaam's Forces of Nature Dance Theatre**, and poet **Sonia Sanchez**.

*Save \$3 per ticket by bringing an item (children's toy, home goods, or canned good) for donation to one of the holiday shows. Use code GIVE to save. Limit to 4 tickets per transaction. Cannot be combined with any other offer.*

*Please see below for a full schedule of Holidays at the Apollo events:*

**Coca-Cola Winter Wonderland**

*Saturday, December 15 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.*

Before the Apollo Amateur Night Holiday Special, the Apollo and Coca-Cola are partnering to bring the magic of the holiday season to Harlem. Under the Apollo's iconic marquee, Coca-Cola will offer picture-taking with Santa Claus and singing under the marquee with local Harlem choirs, as well as other holiday-themed activities and performances. In the spirit of giving, the afternoon will also include a toy and book drive for a local Harlem charity. This family event is hosted by **Billy Mitchell**, the Apollo's tour director and in-house historian.

*This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit [www.apollotheater.org](http://www.apollotheater.org).*

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Amateur Night Holiday Special**

**Featuring: The Apollo Amateur Night Stars of Tomorrow Alumni  
And a Special Performance by The Walls Group**

*Saturday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.*

The Apollo Theater lights up the holiday season with the Amateur Night Holiday Special. The ninth annual event under its signature program *Amateur Night at the Apollo*, showcases the talented young alumni of the show's "Apollo Stars of Tomorrow" category and will feature performances by **Christian Guardino** (*America's Got Talent*), **Alexis Morrast** (*Showtime at the Apollo*), **Leah Jenea Ganes** (*The Four*) and **Emily Carr** (*So You Think You Can Dance*). The holiday special will be hosted by **Capone** and will also include a performance by special guests **The Walls Group**.

*Tickets for the Amateur Night Holiday Special start at \$22. Tickets will be available at the Apollo Theater Box Office: (212) 531-5305, 253 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, and Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are on sale now.*

**Holiday Joy: A Gospel Celebration**

**Featuring Hezekiah Walker with the Love Fellowship Choir and CeCe Winans**

**Hosted by Comedian Marcus Wiley**

*Saturday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m.*

Join us for an afternoon of soul stirring Holiday gospel music to lift your Holiday spirits and bless your Christmas season. **Hezekiah Walker** with the **Love Fellowship Choir and CeCe Winans** will warm your soul. **Marcus Wiley**, host and comedian, promises to delight you and your loved ones throughout the evening.

*Tickets for Holiday Joy: A Gospel Celebration start at \$30 and will be available at the Apollo Theater Box Office: (212) 531-5305, 253 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, and Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are on sale now.*

**Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night**

**Featuring Abdel R. Salaam's Forces of Nature Dance Theatre**

**With Special Guest Sonia Sanchez**

**Hosted by Imhotep Gary Byrd**

*December 29 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.*

Since 2006, the Apollo has established an annual performance with **Abdel Salaam's Forces of Nature Dance Theatre** to commemorate the holiday tradition of Kwanzaa. The Apollo's celebration is a joyful evening of dance and music honoring the principles of Kwanzaa—family, community, and culture. This year's performance will include the legendary poet **Sonia Sanchez**

*Tickets for Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night start at \$25. Tickets are available at The Apollo Theater Box Office: (212) 531-5305, 253 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, and Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Tickets are on sale now.*

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### **About the Apollo Theater**

The legendary Apollo Theater—the soul of American culture—plays a vital role in cultivating emerging artists and launching legends. Since its founding, the Apollo has served as a center of innovation and a creative catalyst for Harlem, the city of New York, and the world.

With music at its core, the Apollo’s programming extends to dance, theater, spoken word, and more. This includes special programs such as the blockbuster concert *Bruno Mars Live at the Apollo*, the world premiere theatrical reading of Ta-Nehisi Coates’s National Book Award-winning *Between the World and Me, 100: The Apollo Celebrates Ella*, the annual Africa Now! Festival, and the New York premiere of the opera *We Shall Not Be Moved*. The Apollo is a performing arts presenting organization that also produces festivals and large-scale dance and music works organized around a set of core initiatives that celebrate and extend the Apollo’s legacy through a contemporary lens; global festivals including the Women of the World (WOW) Festival and *Breakin’ Convention*; international and U.S.-based artist presentations focused on a specific theme; and Special Projects, multidisciplinary collaborations with partner organizations.

Since introducing the first *Amateur Night* contests in 1934, the Apollo Theater has served as a testing ground for new artists working across a variety of art forms and has ushered in the emergence of many new musical genres—including jazz, swing, bebop, R&B, gospel, blues, soul, and hip-hop. Among the countless legendary performers who launched their careers at the Apollo are Michael Jackson, Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder, Billie Holiday, James Brown, D’Angelo, Lauryn Hill, Dave Chappelle, Machine Gun Kelly, Miri Ben Ari, Sarah Vaughan, Gladys Knight, and Luther Vandross; and the Apollo’s forward-looking artistic vision continues to build on this legacy. For more information visit <https://www.apollotheater.org/>

### **Apollo Theater Information**

Box Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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