

APOLLO 85

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

28th Annual Double Dutch Holiday Classic
Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.

COCA-COLA WINTER WONDERLAND
Under the Apollo Theater's Iconic Marquee
Saturday, December 14 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

AMATEUR NIGHT HOLIDAY SPECIAL
Featuring the Apollo Stars of Tomorrow Alumni
Matthew Whitaker, Ronald Johnson, Michelle Galvis, Christian Guardino
And Special Guest **Angelica Hale**
Co-Hosted by **Capone**
Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

NIGHT DIVINE
Featuring **Cynthia Erivo** and **Shoshana Bean**
Monday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY JOY: A GOSPEL CELEBRATION
Featuring **Yolanda Adams** and **Donald Lawrence and Company**
Hosted by **Marcus Wiley**
Saturday, December 21 at 4:00 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 Guests **The KIPP AMP Legacy Jazz Ensemble**
Hosted by **Imhotep Gary Byrd**
Saturday, December 28 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Harlem, NY – October 31, 2019 – 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.

Highlights of the Holidays at the Apollo include:

- ***The 28th Annual Double Dutch Holiday Classic*** (Sunday, December 8) presented by the National Double Dutch League, returns to the Apollo stage—bringing together national and international communities of jumpers.
- ***Coca-Cola Winter Wonderland*** (Saturday, December 14) 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.
- ***10th Annual Amateur Night Holiday Special*** (Saturday, December 14), 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 **Matthew Whitaker, Ronald Johnson, Michelle Galvis, Christian Guardino** and special guest **Angelica Hale**. Co-Hosted by **Capone**.
- ***Night Divine*** (Monday, December 16), GRAMMY award-winning vocalist and actress **Cynthia Erivo** and Broadway star, **Shoshana Bean** come together for a one-night-only Holiday Spectacular.
- ***Holiday Joy: A Gospel Celebration*** (Saturday, December 21) featuring gospel legend **Yolanda Adams** and singer **Donald Lawrence and Company**. Hosted by comedian **Marcus Wiley**.
- ***13th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night*** (Saturday, December 28) now in its 13th 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 **The KIPP AMP Legacy Jazz Ensemble**.

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

Double Dutch Holiday Classic

Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m.

The National Double Dutch League presents the 28th Annual David A. Walker Memorial Double Dutch Holiday Classic, where national and international communities come together featuring three categories: speed and compulsory, fusion freestyle, and best in show.

For more information on the Double Dutch Holiday Classic visit www.apollotheater.org

Coca-Cola Winter Wonderland

Saturday, December 14 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 live musical entertainment, 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.

10th Annual Amateur Night Holiday Special

Featuring The Apollo Amateur Night Stars of Tomorrow Alumni

Special Guest Angelica Hale

Co-Hosted by Capone

Saturday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Apollo Theater lights up the holiday season with the Amateur Night Holiday Special. The tenth 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 **Matthew Whitaker, Ronald Johnson, Michelle Galvis, Christian Guardino** and special guest **Angelica Hale** of NBC's *America's Got Talent*.

Tickets for the Amateur Night Holiday Special start at \$28. Tickets will be available at the Apollo Theater Box Office: (212) 531-5305, 253 West 125th Street, and Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are on sale now.

Holiday Joy: A Gospel Celebration

Featuring Yolanda Adams and Donald Lawrence and Company

Saturday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of soul stirring Holiday gospel music to lift your Holiday spirits and bless your Christmas season. **Yolanda Adams** and **Donald Lawrence** 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 \$35 and will be available at the Apollo Theater Box Office: (212) 531-5305, 253 West 125th Street, and Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets are on sale now.

Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night

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

With The KIPP AMP Legacy Jazz Ensemble

Hosted by Imhotep Gary Byrd

December 28 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 KIPP AMP Legacy Jazz Ensemble**.

Tickets for Kwanzaa Celebration: Regeneration Night start at \$25. Tickets are available at The Apollo Theater Box Office: (212) 531-5305, 253 West 125th Street, and Ticketmaster at 1-800-745-3000, 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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