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Celebrate Black History Month with Great Artists at Wisconsin Union Theater

In his commemoration of the Wisconsin Union Theater’s 75th anniversary, former theater Director Michael Goldberg noted that artists-of-color-and-diversity performed in the distinguished institution long before “multiculturalism” became a trend. Musicians like Paul Robeson, Marian Anderson and others performed numerous times, sometimes in the face of controversy.

Continuing this long tradition, the Wisconsin Union Theater’s 2014-2015 Season showcases a large number of diverse artists from the United States and elsewhere. Celebrating Black History Month in February, the season includes the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company on Saturday, 2/14, 8 pm, as well as An Evening with Bill T. Jones on Thursday, 2/12, 7:30 pm. On Sunday, 2/15, 8 pm, magnificent Congolese singer Zap Mama performs with the Afro-Latin band Antibalas and on Saturday, 2/21, 8 pm, the great male choir Chanticleer performs a program with selections of spirituals and other songs from the African-American tradition.

A free program, The Nile Project, brings artists from the 11 countries in which the mighty river runs, for two days of workshops, lectures, film and an outstanding performance, on Wednesday and Thursday, 2/25-26. Another fantastic concert follows on Friday, 3/6, 8 pm, when two champions of the fight against apartheid in South Africa, Hugh Masekela and Vusi Mahlasela, return to the theater celebrating 20 Years of Freedom.

Looking to celebrate Black History Month with some of the best African and African-American artists? You’ll find no better selection than the one the Wisconsin Union Theater offers. Join us!

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