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ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE

September 27, 2016

Hon. Michael Downie, Chair

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Good Evening Community!

At last month's Arts & Culture Committee meeting, I announced that Board Member, George Harrell, will be the Vice Chair of the Arts & Culture Committee for Manhattan Community Board 10; he graciously accepted. We held a meeting on 27 September, along with Sade and Jonathan of The National Black Theatre, Linda Walton of the Harlem Arts Alliance, Janice Robinson from HAA, representing Voza Rivers, and Dr. Dennie Beach of Go Africa. We discussed many arts projects and proposals in Harlem and our upcoming joint event that will be announced next week, 13 October, at the Harlem Arts Alliance's monthly meeting at the pavilion at Harlem Hospital, and our on-going discussion of our "District Needs" statement. We would like to thank all in attendance.

Go Africa will be hosting their annual "African Union Expo" on 15 November 2016 at MIST Harlem from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and the annual "Go Africa Harlem Street Festival" 15 July 2017, please see their website for more details; The Harlem Arts Alliance is presently hosting Harlem Arts Advocacy Month, through 31 October, please see their website for details; and the following programs and events:

APOLLO THEATER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Programs extend the Apollo Theater's commitment to enhancing the community. Through programs designed to engage children, adults, schools, families, artists, and community-based organizations, community outreach activities build on the Apollo's rich history as a cultural and economic anchor to the greater Harlem area and New York City.

Some of the our Community Programs events include:

- **125TH STREET EAST-WEST CONNECTION** On Sunday, October 16, 2016 as part of the Open House New York Weekend, Apollo Theater and Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute historians will use audio and video presentations to show how the aesthetic of West and East Harlem evolved and how our cultural past continues to vibrate today. Panel

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- **COCA-COLA WINTER WONDERLAND** on 12/3/16, under the Apollo's iconic marquee, we offer a variety of free, holiday-themed activities including picture taking with Santa Claus, giveaways, and amazing performances. Additionally, in the spirit of giving, the Apollo is a designated location for a toy and book drive benefiting charities servicing children in need.
- **KWANZAA CELEBRATION: REGENERATION NIGHT** on 12/31/16 featuring the renowned Forces of Nature Dance Theatre, this a holiday tradition with lively dance and music honoring the principles of Kwanzaa: family, community, and culture.
- **APOLLO UPTOWN HALL** *Uptown Hall* creatively and uniquely weaves panel discussions, video, texting, and live performances to enhance and develop an interactive forum for the community to discover and/or address key issues.
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