

VCBynum Arts & Education Movement presents

# HUMANITY

AN EVOLVING PERSPECTIVE



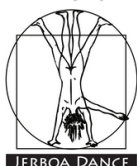
**SAT | December 12 | 4:00pm PST**

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Vania C. Bynum

### Friends and Family

Life has evolved drastically since the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed on American soil 9 months ago. Along with the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others, these dual pandemics have created a space where humanity is in the forefront.

As we adjust to our new norms, we are all defining our roles and how we can impact and support communities. As a dancer and artist, I turn to my passion as a resource to help others. As the founder of VCBynum Arts and Education Movement, my mission is to educate and empower communities through Dance and other art forms in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Out of this desire to create change, Humanity: An Evolving Perspective was formed. The purpose of this concert is to raise funds for Food Is Love and Shaina's Garden, two organizations that support food insecurity in Seattle.

How do you define humanity? Has your perspective evolved during this crisis or remained the same? Has your capacity for love and patience increased? Only Love can provide the healing that is needed to transcend the pain and hatred that we experience. We have many lessons to learn, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share my perspective creatively with amazing humans.

A big thank you to all of the artists for saying YES and for the beauty they brought to the production. Remember that artists are severely affected by COVID due to the venue limits, so opportunities like this help support them financially, while feeding our soul.

To CD Forum and Langston Hughes, thank you for sponsoring my work for the 3rd time throughout my career. You are definitely living up to your mission of cultivating black artists. I am especially grateful to my family for their sacrifices, their support, and assistance putting this show together. Vernet, my sister & Jamie, my sister from another mother; thank you for watering me when the idea was just a seed. Twanda Hill, thank you for answering my call. Your support reinforced me every step of the way; I look forward to working together in the future. To everyone that tuned in today, purchased an ad or made a donation, thank you for your support! Stay tuned....there's much more to come!



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### ZOOM AFTER PARTY

Immediately following the Concert

<https://bit.ly/humanity2020> | PW: Inspire



# PROGRAM

## **Prelude: My Black is Beautiful**

Kutt'N'Up Entertainment, Directed by Koach Giggz

## **Welcome to Humanity: An Evolving Perspective**

Vania C. Bynum

## **Musical Selections**

Yvonne Matthews "Songstress of the South"

## **What's Going On**

Written by Marvin Gaye, Al Cleveland & Renaldo Benson

Performed by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **Imagine**

written by Vania C. Bynum & Vernet C. Nettles, EdD

Performed by Vania C Bynum, Dancer

Accompanied by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **African Dance Of Healing**

Etienne Cakpo, Dancer

Yaw Amponsah, Drummer

## **Middle Passage**

written by Vernet C. Nettles, EdD

Read by Vania C. Bynum

Accompanied by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **Old Ancestors and Blessings of my Ancestors**

Performed & written by Ashe Arunga

Accompanied by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **Stand Up**

by Cynthia Erivo with Joshua Brian Campbell

Performed by Josephine Howell, Josephine Carson, Chyee Howell

Musicians: Medearis Dixon, Christopher Patin, James Sears

Accompanied by DianaStarr Raynell, Dancer

Music performed is covered by Josephine Howell & Friends. No person in this production owns any copyrights to any song/music performed by Josephine Howell.

## **My World Needs You**

Written by Kirk Franklin

Performed by Josephine Howell, Josephine Carson, Chyee Howell

Musicians: Medearis Dixon, Christopher Patin, James Sears

Accompanied by Vania C. Bynum, Dancer

Choreography by Vania C Bynum and Etienne Cakpo

## **The Ask**

Vania C. Bynum & Twanda Hill

Yvonne Matthews





# PROGRAM

## **Today, Hope Floats**

Written and performed by Vernet C. Nettles EdD.

"Written for recitation at Vania's Humanity – An Evolving Perspective. But also written the night of the acceptance speech of President Elect Joe Biden and Vice President Elect Kamala Harris. Election Day Nov 3 – Decision Day Nov 7"

## **LIVE**

Performed & Written by John Hargrave Accompanied by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **Why**

Performed & Written by John Hargrave  
Accompanied by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **Village Ghetto Land**

by Stevie Wonder

Robert Moore, Dancer Choreography by Vania C Bynum

## **40 Acres of Freedom**

Written & Performed by Noel Price  
Music accompaniment By Daniel Mullikin

## **Introducing Food Is Love Project Introducing Shaina's Garden**

## **The Ask**

Vania C. Bynum & Twanda Hill

## **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

By J. Rosamond Johnson and James Weldon Johnson  
Performed by Josephine Howell

## **Truth (Miseducation of the Nation)**

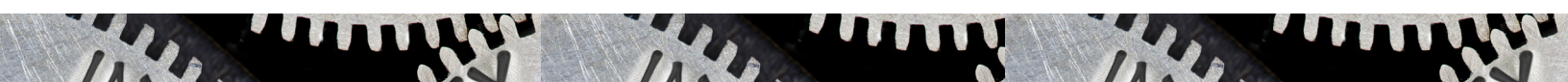
Performed & Written for We Inspire by John Hargrave  
Accompanied by Owuor Arunga, Trumpet

## **I Don't Expect**

Performed by Vania C. Bynum, written by Vernet C. Nettles, EdD

## **Never Wave My Flag**

By Erica Atkins-Campbell, Juan Winans, Matthew Edwards, Trecina Atkins-Campbell, Warryn Campbell  
Dancers: Alex Ung, Nia-Amina Minor, Jaime Waliczek, Tyrone Crosby, Robert Moore, Akoiya Harris,  
Noel Price, Javontae Bascomb, Kearia Duncan  
Choreography by Vania C Bynum, Tyrone Crosby, and Jaime Waliczek





# PERFORMING ARTISTS



Ashe Arunga, Poet



Owuor Arunga, Musician



Javontae Bascomb, Dancer



Vania C. Bynum, Dancer, Poet



Etienne Cakpo, Dancer



Josephine Carson, Singer



Tyrone "Koach T" Crosby, Dancer



Kearia Duncan, Dancer



John Hargrave, Poet



Akoiya Harris, Dancer



Chyee Howell, Singer



Josephine Howell, Singer



Nia-Amina Minor, Dancer



Robert Moore, Dancer



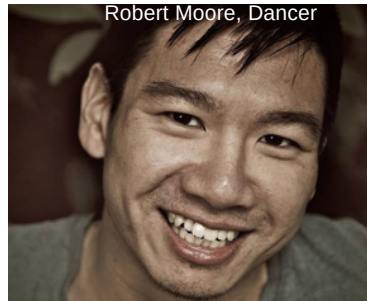
Vernet C. Nettle, EdD, Poet



Noel Price, Dancer & Poet



Diana Starr Raynell, Dancer



Alex Ung, Dancer



Jaime Waliczek, Dancer

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## Let the **STRINGS** Speak

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Keep up the great work Vania.

Dr. Maxine Mimms



# 2020 VIRTUAL WEEKEND Odunde Festival

**FRI | NOV 20**

## **NUTRITIONAL WELLNESS**

Panel & Cooking  
Demonstration

6:00pm-7:15pm

**Moderator, Nailah Bulley**

Daniella's Everyday Medicinal,  
and Tilth Alliance  
Veggies & Spices

Dr. Lisa Price, ND  
FleurSana

Chef Shawntee, 100% Healthier



**SAT | NOV 21**

## **AFRICAN DRUMMING, DANCE & SONG PERFORMANCE**

6:00pm-7:30pm

**ONLINE OR LIVE PERFORMANCE**

**Rainier Arts Center**

3515 S. Alaska St. | Seattle

**Socially distanced seating  
available for audience**

Performers:

Boka Kouyate, Foluso Mimy,  
Naby Camara, Afua Kouyate,  
Chisula Koumbassa, Nailah  
Bulley, and Akua Kariamu.

**SUN | NOV 22**

## **RELATIONAL WELLNESS PANEL**

2:00PM-3:15PM

**Moderator, Onya Robertson**

**Social / Mindfulness**

Dr. Ghyniece Temple,  
Psychologist

**Mindset Behavior  
From Selling Programs to  
Running Programs**

Curtis Calhoun  
Transformational Coach



## **HEAL THYSELF CARE**

3:30pm-4:30pm

**Moderator, Afua Kouyate**

**Self Care**

Monika Matthews  
Queen Care Owner

**Lifelong Learning  
Emerging Elder**

Fatimah Malik  
Integrity Solutions/Rhythms

## **PHYSICAL FITNESS**

Neo-Zimbabwean Dance Class

7:30pm-9:00pm

**Rujeko Dumbutshena**

Assistant Professor of Dance UW  
Neo-traditional Zimbabwean  
Dance will be taught.

**Share with your friends and family**

**Register for a chance to win**

**Log-in to the Daily Drawing (Nov. 15-22)**

The community is invited to celebrate with us. Families are encouraged to attend and support coming together in the spirit of health and healing practices. All events are free. Donations are being accepted! All donations will support Adefua's operational budget as we partner in space with the Rainier Art Center, beginning January 2021. Classes will be offered free or very low cost. We Grow As One!

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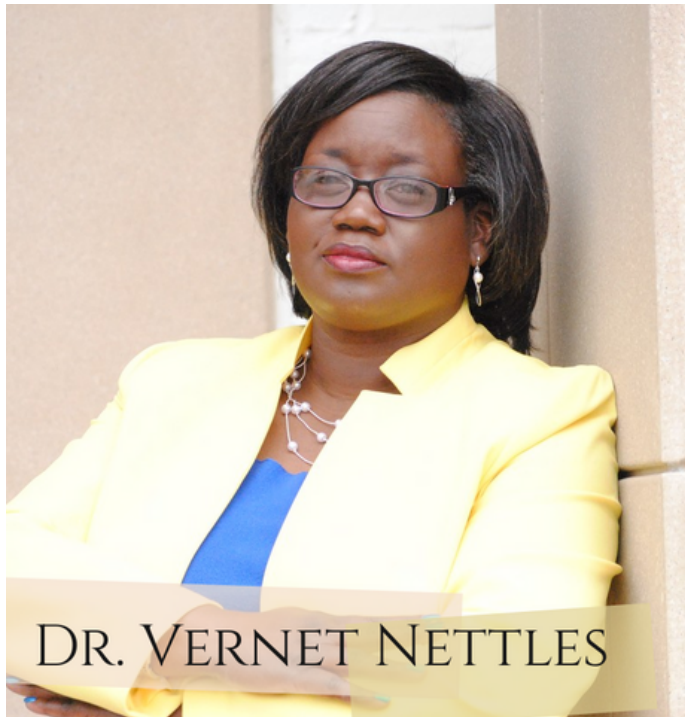
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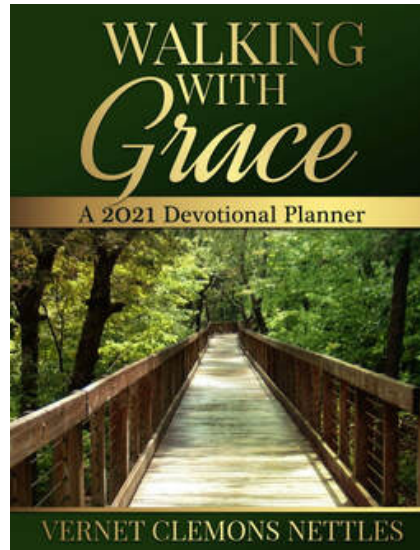
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Inspirations and Letters

# Vernet Clemons Nettles

## Author - Speaker - Educator

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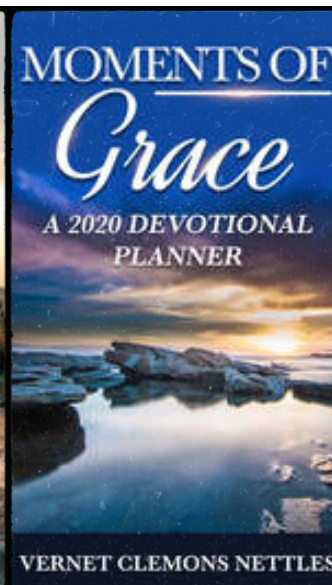
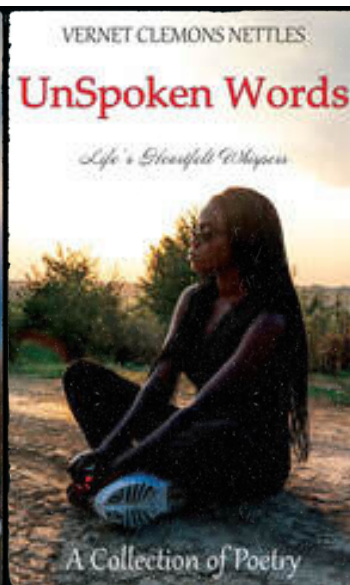
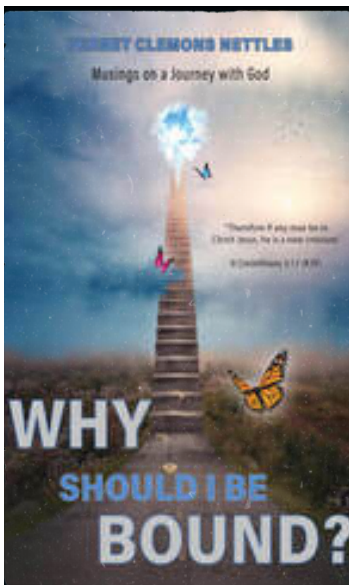
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# HUMANITY

## AN EVOLVING PERSPECTIVE

THE TEAM THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

### Artistic Director & Producer

Vania C. Bynum, VCBynum Arts & Education

### Co-Producer

Jaime Waliczek, Jerboa Dance

### Project Consultants

Brandon K. Bynum  
Tyrone Crosby  
Twanda Hill  
Vernet C. Nettles, EdD

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Indigo Brown - Camera Operator  
Tylicia Naomi Messiah - Camera Operator

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Josephine "Lil Josey" Carson, Singer  
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Jaime Waliczek  
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