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JORGENSEN HOSTS “HARLEM 100” – CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE

Featuring Mwenso and the Shakes with special guests Brianna Thomas and Michela Marino Lerman & Vuyo Sotashe

Sat, Oct 26, 8pm

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STORRS, CT – On **Saturday evening, October 26**, Storrs audiences will take a musical journey back in time to the hey-day of the Cotton Club and Apollo Theater when jazz vocalist **Michael Mwenso, accompanied by his band the Shakes** and special guests, bring the sights, sounds, and music of **1920’s Harlem to the stage at UConn’s Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts** for a presentation of ***Harlem 100***, a joyous, soul-satisfying 100-year anniversary celebration of the Harlem Renaissance, one of the most important and influential artistic movements in America’s history. Featuring the music and artistry of legends like Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes, and Billie Holiday, the program provides a special insight as to how Harlem evolved to become the center and showcase for African American music, art, and culture. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Showtime at 8:00 pm.

Special guest artists joining Mwenso & The Shakes on stage are jazz vocalists Brianna Thomas and Vuyo Sotashe and tap dancer Michela Marino Lerman. This production was created in collaboration with the **National Jazz Museum**. The Jorgensen presentation is co-sponsored by the H. Fred Simons African American Cultural Center. Media Sponsor: New England Public Radio (WFRC)

For additional information please visit <https://imgartists.com/roster/harlem-100/>

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internationally acclaimed artists and ensembles ranging from classical music to world music and dance, classical ballet and contemporary dance, comedy, family programming and contemporary entertainment.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts is located at 2132 Hillside Road on the UConn campus in Storrs. Tickets are now available online: \$32 - \$36 (with some discounts available).

For tickets and information, go to **jorgensen.uconn.edu**, or call the Box Office at 860.486.4226, Monday - Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and 90 minutes prior to events.

Convenient \$5 event parking is available in the North Garage. Free parking is available in Lot N, Lot F and lower section of Lot X (unpaved). For a detailed parking map, go to park.uconn.edu.

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