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CPDU Credits Available to Illinois Performing Arts Teachers, July 25-30, 2009 NAMN Approved as ISBE Provider by the Illinois State Board of Education

The Illinois State Board of Education has approved NANM (The National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc.) as a provider of Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) during its 90th Annual Meeting, to be held in Chicago from July 25-30, 2009 at the DoubleTree Hotel Magnificent Mile, 300 East Ohio Street.

Participant Options (1.0 CPDU per contact hour)

- 1. Complete Conference Registration – \$235.00**--Includes all events and workshops on schedule with exception of pre-conference Benefit Concert.
- 2. Individual Workshops (11) \$10.00 each**—Includes a Master Class for Winds Players featuring Imani Winds; the William Warfield Voice Master Class with world renowned bass-baritone Simon Estes; the Piano Master Class with Karen Walwyn; “The Jubilee Song” with Delano O’Banion; a Conducting class with Robert A. Harris; a Choral Reading Session, sponsored by GIA Music with Joseph Joubert; participation in the Convention Chorus with D’Walla Simmons Burke (three rehearsals and a performance); the Sylvia Olden Lee Roundtable Discussion on the topic, “Nora Douglas Holt and Chicago Founders of NANM; “The New Music of Composers Hale Smith and Dolores White,” presented by Dolores White; a performance of the opera, *Naomi in the Living Room* by composer Jonathan Bailey Holland, performed by the Opera Theater of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, with discussion by the composer; and “Mary Cardwell Dawson and Black/African American Opera Companies,” discussed by Marvin Lynn, with performances by the South Shore Opera Company.
- 3. Individual Ticketed Events**—Including “**A Grand Night for Singing,**” **Pre-Conference Fundraising Benefit Concert, Saturday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m.,** with internationally acclaimed artists, in an evening of operatic arias, duets, excerpts from musical theater, and spirituals, featuring baritone Donnie Ray Albert and soprano Marquita Lister, with friends: Evan Bowers, tenor; Angela M. Brown, soprano; Alfreda Burke, soprano; Rodrick Dixon, tenor; Joseph Joubert, piano; Mark Rucker, baritone; Sadie Rucker, piano; and Louise Toppin, soprano. **Ticket price: \$35.00 General Admission, \$25.00 for students and senior citizens.**

Gala Concert, featuring Imani Winds, Monday July 27, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket price: \$35.00 General Admission.

Annual Awards Banquet, Wednesday, July 29, at 8:00 p.m. Ticket price: \$65.00.

- 4. Individual Concerts - \$10.00 each**—Includes two Vesper Concerts, featuring the Chicago Community Chorus (Keith Hampton, Founder/Artistic Director) and “The Music of Robert L. Morris, Chicago’s Native Son;” the “Chicago Night Concert,” featuring SugarStrings, Jeremy Jordan, pianist, TreDiva, and The Voices of Maurice Collins; the Youth and Junior Concert; the Collegiate Young Artists Concert; and the Convention Chorus Concert.

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