

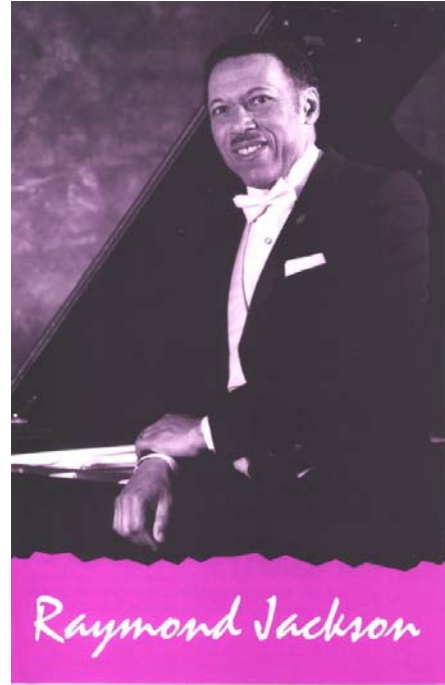


Native Son Comes Home Dr. Raymond Jackson in Concert

Piano Recital
Featuring: Dr. Raymond Jackson

Community Church of Providence
372 Wayland Avenue
Providence, RI 02906

Sunday, September 9, 2007
4:00 pm
Tickets \$25.00
Contact: (401) 274-1613



Dr. Raymond Jackson, a keyboard poet of striking virtuosity, graduated *summa cum laude* from the New England Conservatory of Music and is a recipient of the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the Juilliard School, under the renowned Ania Dorfman. His dissertation entitled "The Piano Music of Twentieth Century Black Americans" is now a permanent part of the Juilliard library. He has performed as recitalist and orchestral soloist in the United States, Europe, Russia and South America, always to stunning reviews. He has received numerous honors and awards; among these are: the Marguerite Long International Concour (Paris, France), the Tenth International Piano Competition (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), the first African American concert artist in his native state elected into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. He is also an honorary member of Providence's prestigious Chopin and Chaminade Clubs.

Possessed of both a velvet touch and fingers of steel, he has attracted a large and dedicated following not only for his deeply affecting intensity and rare musical perception, but also for his technical wizardry and his total mastery of colorist nuance. Not infrequently has he transported an audience into a rapt reverie before exhibiting his explosive temperament and fairly lifting them out of their seats. In an era of violence, the sensitive beauty of his piano is a glowing embodiment of the Civilized universal man. The great tradition of American Pianism is assured in the hands of this celebrated pianist.

Dr. Raymond Jackson is a Professor of Music at Howard University, Washington, DC, and has received the Howard University Faculty Excellence Award. He and his wife, Inez, formed The Jackson Foundation and The Raymond Jackson Scholarship and Mentoring Program for Gifted African-American Pianists. Although Dr. Jackson has received many awards for his talent, he remains grounded and is always looking for opportunities to give back. The September 9th concert is a benefit concert for The Historic Congdon Street Baptist Church, where Dr. Raymond Jackson got his start as pianist, organist and choir director. The Congdon Street Baptist Church Family is glad to announce that one of our native sons is coming home.

The concert will be held at Community Church on 372 Wayland Avenue, Providence, RI 02906, September 9, 2007 at 4:00 pm, a reception to follow. Tickets are \$25.00. Contact Mrs. Jean Gibb at (401) 274-1613 for ticket information.