

**Arco-Jamaa 2006: A Benefit Recital**  
**Supporting**  
**Diasporan Youth's Sojourn to Kemet.**



Presented by:  
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For

String Presence™ Academy  
Suzuki Violin Studio

Saturday, June 10, 2006, 4:00 pm  
Benjamin Syms Middle School, Auditorium  
Hampton, VA



**arco: (It.) with the bow**  
**jamaa: (Ki-Swahili) family**

### “Bowing with Family”

Arco-Jamaa 2006 will be an innovative and trailblazing recital that will showcase the many genres of music performed on violin by African American artists. The recital will expose children to the varying facets of the violin and serve as inspiration to either pursue or continue a life including the study of the instrument. Professional African American violinists, both children & adults in their genre of expertise will keep the students engaged, interested and motivated. In addition to showcasing and thus introducing other genres of music besides classical to the students they will learn that there is no limit to who can play the violin or what one can do on the violin.

The perpetual self-hatred and thus low achievement overall in the black community is due to the lack of true African-American history in the public school curriculum, which is sadly, the primary educator of black children. The school system, when integrated, did not tailor the curriculum to teach black children the truth. It was formed in such a way that erased the cultural aspect behind black history and instead replaced it with words, images and actions of inferiority and hatred.

[The D’Zert Club](#) with its Teen Summit 1000 program has partnered itself with the Pan-African Federation and developed the African Genesis Corrective History Education Institute to provide a supplementary history curriculum and learning vehicle to address this problem.

The significance of accomplishing this objective is so that the black community as a whole can be more productive within society. Properly educating children about their history and roots is imperative to the development of the self-esteem of a child. Particularly for black children, knowing how great their ancestors were beyond slavery will in turn help the children acquire a stronger and more positive self-image and thus grow into confident, proactive and sensible adults with substantial values.

The students who are enrolled in the program must complete the curriculum within a two year time span. The students will also take culturally relevant and educational fieldtrips throughout the two year time period. Adult Leaders (mentors) are also required to complete the curriculum so that the success of the child is reinforced by an adult who knows the same information. In order to meet these requirements, neither organization is funded with non-black corporate sponsorship. All monies are acquired through grass-root fundraising of the

members, students, alumni, and/or donations from business owners within the black community.

For the fundraising deadline of June 15, 2006 I, Megan Jenifer (adult leader 2006 VA), am proposing a benefit recital in order to raise funds to meet my personal requirement as an adult leader within the D'Zert Club, as well as additional funds to help support other members of the D'Zert Club who may have been unable to meet their requirement.

The following talented, generous and beautiful artists have all agreed to volunteer their services:

- ♪ The Elliott Family Quartet (Hampton, VA): Classical & Fusion arrangements for String Quartet
- ♪ Eric Taylor (Hampton, VA): Gospel violinist/entertainer
- ♪ Sidney Bertley (New York): Hip Hop Violinist
- ♪ Capoeira Uhuru Association
- ♪ The Fuzz Band <http://www.thefuzzband.com>
- ♪ Suwabi African Ballet

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Come and see for yourself the beauty of this historical event. The recital is proposed to take place on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm at Benjamin Syms Middle School Auditorium in Hampton, VA.

The cost is \$20 per person. Children under the age of 13 are admitted for free. Those persons who have pledged an amount to attend and participate prior to October 29, 2005 will be admitted based on the initial pledge amount.

If you have any questions or wish to know more information, please feel free to drop me an email at [arco\\_jamaa@yahoo.com](mailto:arco_jamaa@yahoo.com)

Thank you so much for your time and contributions.

♪ Megan Jenifer 🕊️❤️😊

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