

# Friends of Carter Barron Foundation for the Performing Arts

in Partnership with Erwin Pendergrast and DEOCDC  
Presents A Black-Tie Awareness and Awards Affair



an intimate evening benefitting the Carter Barron Amphitheater  
with legendary  
The Temptations



and Opening Sensation  
Maysa



Monday, April 10, 2023  
The Howard Theatre  
620 T Street, NW, Washington, DC

# Friends of Carter Barron Foundation for the Performing Arts

## Black-Tie Awareness and Awards Affair

### RED CARPET

5:00PM - 6:00PM

Hosted by Mr. Troy Prestwood and Mrs. Elynore Herron  
Featuring Zenith Gallery Special Arts Exhibition

### PRIVATE VIP AND SPONSORS RECEPTION

5:30PM - 6:45PM

Hosted by Executive Board Members  
Mr. Tyrell Holcomb and Ms. Angela Jones

### MAIN EVENT

7:00PM - 9:30PM

Hosted by Asia Chandler, Radio One

Open Remarks

Gloria J. Hightower  
Founding President & CEO

Opening Act

Maysa

Friends of Carter Barron Recognitions

Executive Board Members  
and Honorary Advisors

Main Act

The Temptations

Closing Remarks

Gloria J. Hightower  
Founding President & CEO

### SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 13, 2023 - Friends of Carter Barron Reception  
Featuring Herbert Scott and Special Guest Vocalists  
Location: The Kennedy Center, 2700 F St NW, Washington, DC 20566

### WAYS TO GIVE:

Contributions are directed to the reopening of the Carter Barron  
Amphitheater

Send your monies via Zelle to focbfotpa@yahoo.com

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ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 10, 2023

Gloria Hightower  
President and Founder Emeritus  
Friends of Carter Barron  
Foundation of the Performing Arts  
1234 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 723  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Hightower:

The Carter Barron Amphitheatre is a resource of great importance to District of Columbia residents and visitors. First constructed in 1950, Carter Barron was built as a venue for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the District's designation as the nation's capital. This outdoor performance space has since reverberated with the sounds of legendary performers, such as Ella Fitzgerald and Bruce Springsteen, as well as talented local artists. During my service in Congress, I have worked with the National Park Service, the Friends of Carter Barron Foundation of the Performing Arts and others to preserve and restore this local treasure, so that D.C. residents and visitors may enjoy Carter Barron and its music for generations to come.

Sincerely,

  
Eleanor Holmes Norton



Phil Mendelson  
Chairman

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Dear Ms. Hightower:

The Carter Barron Amphitheater, located in Rock Creek Park, is an iconic cultural institution that has played a significant role in the District's arts and entertainment scene for decades. Built in 1950, the venue has hosted numerous musical acts, theater productions, and other performances over the years, including legendary artists such as Diana Ross, Ella Fitzgerald, and Duke Ellington. The amphitheater has also been a popular gathering place for local residents and visitors alike, providing a unique outdoor setting for concerts and other events. Its historic significance and cultural impact have earned it a place of honor in the city's history, making it an essential component of the District's cultural identity.

Unfortunately, Carter Barron Amphitheater closed in 2017 due to aging infrastructure and accessibility issues. I am pleased that the Council was able to provide funding in last year's budget to support the next phase of planning to restore the Carter Barron Amphitheater. I look forward to continuing these partnerships between with the community and the National Park Service to bring this amazing venue back into use for current and future generations of Washingtonians to experience and enjoy.

Sincerely,

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Phil Mendelson

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April 10, 2023

**Congratulations, Friends of Carter Barron Foundation:**

As DC Councilmember for Ward 4, it is my honor to congratulate the Friends of Carter Barron Foundation on for the Performing Arts on tonight's wonderful program and your great dedication to restoring the historic Carter Barron Amphitheatre.

The Amphitheatre has broken boundaries and enriched the lives of generations of Washingtonians. It is an idyllic, serene, celebrated venue that provides significant benefits to the District and our region as a whole. It holds a special place in the artistic landscape of our region and is an important cultural asset for our nation. It is time for Ward 4 residents to build new fond memories at Carter Barron. Our Ward 4 community is committed to Carter Baron's reopening, and we are eager to welcome back years of performing arts excellence to come.

I wish you all a wonderful evening and success in your cause.

Sincerely,

Janeese Lewis George  
Ward 4 Councilmember







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Dear Ms. Hightower:

Carter Barron Amphitheatre has been a jewel in the crown of the District's music and arts venues since it was built in 1950. This unique place complements the natural beauty of Rock Creek Park, and lets residents take in both nature and culture with every visit. We must preserve Carter Barron's history – having played host to legends like Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, the Supremes, and Ray Charles – and protect and renew it for the benefit of future generations.

Sincerely,

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Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr., At-Large



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE, SR., Ward Eight



*Congratulations*  
**Friends of the  
Carter Barron Amphitheater  
January 10, 2023**

Art is all around us, revealing itself in music, dance, theater, and more. It acts as a form of expression and communication that enriches our life experiences and allows us to have helpful and thoughtful cultural discussions. The Carter Barron Amphitheater gives us a place to gather and will be an epicenter where the arts and culture collide. This level of enrichment is precisely what the District of Columbia needs to continue enhancing the lives of residents and visitors. Congratulations on the reopening of the Carter Barron Amphitheater.

Sincerely,

Trayon White, Sr.  
Councilmember, Ward 8

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Where Historic Preservation for The Carter Barron Amphitheatre and  
Education for DMV Performing Arts Youth Counts

**April 10, 2023**

The governing Board of Directors, Honorary Liaisons and Honorable Advisory Committee Members of the Friends of Carter Barron Foundation for the Performing Arts (**Friends Group**), a 501 (c) (3) organization, are so proud to present our first Black-Tie Public Awareness and Awards Affair on Easter Monday, April 10, 2023, at the historic Howard Theatre. The Friends Group presents the American Legendary Temptations in concert, as a fundraising event in support of our ongoing effort to provide assistance to the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service for the Reopening of our federal, historic and beloved Carter Barron Amphitheatre.

There are so many inner generational, cultural, educational enrichment, entertainment and extraordinary fun memories associated with the Carter Barron, the unique Presidential Gift of our Founding Fathers, and an entertainment treasure commemorating its 150th Anniversary as our national treasure here in the heart of hometown Washington, DC in the nations capital.

Tonight, the Friends Group kicks-off it's campaign to raise a total of \$15M, and we welcome you to join us in meeting this critical objective needed to attract matching funds from the U.S. Congress to achieve the \$30M required by the National Park Service specifically to renovate and reopen our city's Carter Barron Amphitheatre.

Join us in ensuring that the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, our gift from President Harry S. Truman, can recover from and will never again experience a lengthy closure such as the current one due to earthquake damage. Mark your calendar to attend our 2nd Fundraising Event at the beautiful John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 from 6 pm to 9 pm. We're bring the Carter Barron back!!

Respectfully,

Gloria J. Hightower  
Founding President CEO Lifetime Member  
Friends of Carter Barron Foundation for the Performing Arts





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Dear Board of Directors,

Developing Economic Opportunities Community Development Corporation (DEOCDC), is a charitable 501(C)(3) non-profit community-based organization and our mission is to eradicate poverty through providing programs and services that revitalize, support, and promote sustainable community growth in Washington, DC.

We are both excited and honored to partner in the effort to restore the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, which has been a staple in our community for many years. We understand the importance of events such as the Black-Tie Public Awareness and Awards Gala so that we do not lose the rich history and significance of the Carter Barron Amphitheatre to the Washington, DC music culture.

We appreciate this opportunity and look forward to our continued partnership to reopen the Amphitheater, as it has been closed for 6 years too long.

Respectfully,

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Antoniese Starks-Ruffin  
President



Dear Board of Directors:

As the newest incoming Executive Member of the Friends Group, and Founder of Tricky Entertainment, it is my professional pleasure to join this non-profit organization.

As a third generation Washingtonian, aware of the history of The Carter Barron, this restoration project is important to me. Growing up, I attended many concerts there and want future generations to have the same experience. The Carter Barron is a huge part of the musical legacy of Washington, DC. Tricky Entertainment aims to contribute to this legacy through our live entertainment and music events.

Thank you again for this opportunity,

Erwin Pendergrast



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