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# THE PASSION OF MARY CARDWELL DAWSON

HBCU NIGHT AT THE OPERA

SAT, DEC 14 @ 7:30PM

A.J. FLETCHER OPERA THEATER

STARRING  
DENYCE  
GRAVES



A new play with music starring acclaimed mezzo-soprano **Denyce Graves!** North Carolina-born trailblazer **Mary Cardwell Dawson** founded the **National Negro Opera Company** in the mid-20th century, creating unprecedented opportunities for Black artists and audiences across America. One evening in 1943, the company is scheduled to perform *Carmen* on a floating barge on the Potomac River. When inclement weather threatens to force the performance into a segregated hall, Mary must navigate the raging storms to ensure the show goes on.



**POST-SHOW TALK WITH DENYCE GRAVES**

FREE FOR TICKETHOLDERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE

HOSTED BY **MICAELA BUNDY**, NC OPERA ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR & OPERA SINGER. (ALUMNA, NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY)

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