



The South Orange/Maplewood **Community Coalition *on Race***

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Our 2018 Annual Report

Have a look back at 2018 to see what we did to support racial integration and inclusion in SOMA. We would like to thank the hundreds of individual community donors, local businesses, foundations, faith communities, community organizations, and the townships of Maplewood and South Orange who supported us so generously. [Click here for the full report.](#)

Talking to Children about Race

Learn about creating a home environment that supports open communication about race and difference, being intentional about talking about race, providing your kids with the tools they need to understand difference, and more. Presented by the Schools Committee, this workshop will be guided by an expert in the field along with a panel of local parents. [Get details here...](#)



***THE BUBBLY BLACK GIRL SHEDS HER CHAMELEON SKIN* by Kristen Childs**

The performance of *The Bubbly Black Girl Sheds Her Chameleon Skin* was outstanding! Producer and head of the Progressive Theater Gregory Osborne and Director Jasmine Richardson brought together an amazing cast that truly captured the spirit of this semi-autobiographical musical. [Read more...](#)



Professor Hodges Discussed his Recent Book, *BLACK New Jersey*

Professor Hodges shared highlights from his recent book, "BLACK New Jersey: 1664 to the Present" that brings to life generations of courageous men and women who fought for freedom in this state during slavery and battled racial discrimination in more recent times. [More here...](#)



Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom

A new musical tells the moving, true story of Lynda Blackmon Lowery, the youngest person to walk all the way from Selma to Montgomery, on the Voting Rights March in 1965. There will be a Q&A with the cast following the show. Appropriate for ages 10 and up. [Free Tickets Available here](#)



Monday, March 25, 2019

Columbia HS, 17 Parker Avenue - Maplewood, NJ

7:30 - 9:15 pm

Lydia Johnson Dance School Offers SCHOLARSHIPS

Lydia Johnson Dance School is located at The Burgdorff Center in Maplewood Village and has full and partial scholarships available for children preschool through high school who would like to study ballet, modern, contemporary dance or Hip Hop. We offer classes during the school year as well as week-long Dance Camp sessions in July and have a Teen Internship program as well. LJD Dance School is a not-for-profit organization and alternative to commercial dance education. Our curriculum emphasizes the creativity in each young dancer. Learn more by emailing ljdanceschool@gmail.com or calling or texting Lydia to set up a time to talk at 973-945-5526.



SOMA Residents: Apply Today for Our Home Maintenance Loan

Plan now for your home repairs! For residents who can't afford much-needed exterior work on their homes, the Community Coalition on Race is pleased to share that the Home Maintenance Loan Program is available and open for applicants with terms that will make you do a double-take. [Get the details here...](#)

Homeowner
Repair Loans



UPCOMING EVENTS

Integrated Play Group Community Coalition on Race

Sat. February 23rd 10:00 - Noon
Le Parc Place
195 Maplewood Ave., Maplewood NJ

SOMA Celebrates Women

Sat. March 2nd Starting 3:45PM
Maplewood Town Hall
574 Valley Street
Annual "Wear White for Women" Group Photo.
[Click here for more info and other events throughout March...](#)

Luna Stage

NOW accepting submissions for its 7th Annual New Moon Short Play Festival. The three-day festival draws on Luna's resources as a professional regional theatre to support New Jersey playwrights, showcase local actors, spark meaningful conversation, and build community. [Submit here ...](#)

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