



Charles Williams with Gary Prince

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Jazz Poetry at the Ice House

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV –The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) presents the award-winning American baritone Charles Williams and electric guitarist Gary Prince in concert on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Ice House.

Williams and Prince are honored to celebrate the life and work of Langston Hughes, one of the earliest innovators of the literary art form called Jazz Poetry. Hughes published his first poem in 1921 and went on to write countless works of poetry, prose and plays. As one of the giants of the Harlem Renaissance, his poetry earned him the title of Poet Laureate of Black America. Williams is currently involved in a number of events throughout the country honoring Langston Hughes, poet, novelist playwright, lyricist, and activist.

Charles Williams studied voice and opera in Berlin, Germany. He has performed in theaters and opera houses, on radio and television in Munich, Zurich, and Vienna and engaged audiences around the world with his wide range of musical talent. Williams made his Metropolitan Opera debut in *Porgy and Bess* and later won American acclaim for his portrayal of Mr. Johnson in the opera *Einstein on the Beach*. He is a senior faculty member and teaches voice at Levine School of Music.

Accompanying Williams for this concert is electric guitarist Gary Prince, Jazz Program Chair and member of the guitar faculty at Levine. Prince can be heard throughout the Washington, D.C. area performing styles ranging from jazz to blues, old-time rock, and modern experimentalism. Prince is a graduate of the University of Michigan program in Jazz & Contemplative Studies.

Cost of this performance is \$20 / \$18 for MAC members and \$15 for students.

This program is presented with financial assistance for the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission of the Arts, and local hotel/motel taxes, as well as several local sponsors. The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.