



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Department of Culture

Premier's Concert:

Celebrating Our National Heroes



Friday, June 24, 2022

Ruth Seaton James Auditorium, CedarBridge Academy

6:30 PM

Premier's Concert Programme

Welcome Remarks

The Hon. E. David Burt, JP, MP

The Premier and Minister of Finance



A Tribute to Dame Lois Browne-Evans, DBE, JP, LLB

Video Tribute

Jay III

“Authenticity”

Music by: Jay III

Dancers:

Sacha Dill, Antoine Williams

Melanie Eddy

Jewellery Video Presentation

A Tribute to Sir Henry James “Jack” Tucker

Video Tribute

Dennajye Paynter

“Piano Sonata No. 11 (Rondo alla Turca)”

Music By: Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ami Zanders

Visual Artist Video Presentation

A Tribute to The Hon. Sir John W. Swan, KBE JP

Video Tribute

Jesse Seymour

“Lean on Me”

Music by: Bill Withers

“So Amazing”

Music by: Jesse Seymour

A Tribute to Mary Prince

Video Tribute

Gherdai Hassell

Visual Artist Video Presentation

T’aja Williams

Choreographer: T’aja Williams

“Chalkboard”

Music by: Jóhann Jóhannsson

“The Rules”

Music By: Jeremy Zukerman

A Tribute to Dr. Edgar Fitzgerald Gordon

Video Tribute

Excerpt from “Victory”

Documentary Film by Ulrich “Rick” Richardson

A Tribute to Gladys Misick Morrell

Video Tribute

Brixx

“Girl on Fire”

Music by: Alicia Keys

Tiffany Paynter

“Daddy” - original poem

Illustrated by: Jorge Condon & Andres Fernandez Cordon

Music by: Felix Tod

A Tribute to Sir Edward Richards, KT., CBE

Video Tribute

Sabriyya Harvey

Visual Artist Video Presentation

Rated E! Dance Crew

Choreographer: Sacha Dill

Music Medley:

Gwara Nao Pra- Assi & B.M. | Sun Comes Up- Major Lazer ft Busy Signal
Shake It Up- Stiffy | Double Up- DJ Lil Man

Dancers:

Adonai Bolin, Sacha Dill, Kerris Hassel , Kevonte Jennings Lathan,
Jade Johnston, Quincée Jones, Sarai Packwood, Nalae Simmons,
Timina Simmons, Tiffany Smith, Yve Smith,
Shakori Trott, Taye-Zino Trott, Antoine Williams



Closing Remarks

Senator Dr. the Hon. Ernest Peets JP
Minister of Youth, Culture and Sports

A Tribute to Dr. Pauulu R.N.O.B. Kamarakafego
Dr. Roosevelt Brown
Video Tribute

Arijahknow Live Wires

“Gombey Warrior”
Music by: Arijahknow Live Wires



Host

Patrina O'Connor Paynter

Premier's Concert Planning Committee

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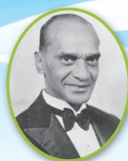
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**DAME LOIS BROWNE-
EVANS, DBE, JP, LLB**
1927-2007

- First female lawyer in Bermuda
- First black woman elected to Parliament
- First female Opposition Leader in Bermuda and in the Commonwealth
- First female Attorney General
- The co-author Bermuda's modern Constitution
- First female member of Devonshire Recreation Club
- The first PLP Minister of Legislative Affairs
- Named Bermuda's first National Hero in 2008
- A powerful orator who served in Parliament for 40 years
- Fought tirelessly for a more equitable society



**DR. EDGAR FITZGERALD
GORDON**
1895-1955

- Physician who came to Bermuda from Trinidad in 1924
- Member of Parliament and founding father of the labour movement
- Considered one of the most important leaders of 20th Century Bermuda
- President of the Bermuda Workers Association, the forerunner of the Bermuda Industrial Union
- Made the BWA a force for social and political change through his dynamic leadership
- Author of the landmark 1946 BWA petition, which called for end to segregation and other injustices
- Championed the cause of blacks and Bermudian workers of both races



**DR. PAULULU R. N. O. B.
KAMARAKAITEGO
DR. ROOSEVELT BROWN**
1932-2007

- Civil rights leader and political activist
- Played key role in the fight to abolish the property vote as founder of the Committee for Universal Adult Suffrage
- Ecological engineer
- Member of Parliament
- Worked in Vanuatu and other countries in the developing world
- Consultant to the United Nations
- First Recipient of the Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Award



**SIR HENRY JAMES "JACK"
TUCKER**
1903-1986

- Banker and Member of Parliament
- Piloted the bill that gave Bermudian women the right to vote in Parliament in 1944
- Considered the architect of modern Bermuda
- A founding father of international business
- Oversaw Bermuda's transition to a modern democracy
- First Government Leader of Bermuda
- Founder of the United Bermuda Party

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MARY PRINCE
c. 1788–

- Born into slavery in Devonshire
- Endured harsh treatment and abuse in Bermuda, Turks Island and Antigua
- Fled from her master in London in 1828
- Her groundbreaking autobiography, *The History of Mary Prince*, was published in London in 1831
- The first British woman to publish a slave narrative
- The narrative is the only first-hand account of slavery by a Bermudian
- Is regarded internationally as an unsung heroine of the abolition movement



GLADYS MISICK MORRELL
1888–1969

- Got her start as a suffragette as an activist in the UK
- Nursed wounded soldiers in France during the First World War
- Founder of the Bermuda Woman Suffragette Society
- Led the 25-year battle for women's voting rights in Bermuda
- Fought for better health care and college scholarships for women
- Co-founder of the district nursing system
- Donated land now known as Gladys Morrell Nature Reserve as open space



SIR EDWARD RICHARDS,
KT., CBE
1908–1991

- Came to Bermuda from British Guiana in 1930 to teach at The Berkeley Institute
- Challenged segregation as editor of the *Bermuda Recorder*
- Fought to end social, racial and political injustice as a lawyer and Member of Parliament
- Bermuda's first black leader and Premier
- First black man in Bermuda to receive a knighthood
- Was Premier when the Island was rocked by the assassination of Governor Sir Richard Sharples
- Negotiated changes to the Constitution that led to new titles and names: Premier, MP and Cabinet



THE HON. SIR
JOHN W. SWAN, KBE, JP
1935

- The Distinction of being the longest serving Premier of Bermuda.
- Successfully completed the negotiations of the United States and Bermuda Tax Convention.
- Negotiated a treaty between the United States and United Kingdom that would benefit Bermuda by establishing the Island as a major Offshore Financial Centre.
- Founder of John W. Swan Agency, a real estate development, savings and loan company.
- Helped to modernize the architectural landscape of the City of Hamilton.
- A real estate developer, political luminary and philanthropist.

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PROUD TO BE BERMUDIAN

"Truth is there is more to us...A strength that's at the core of us"



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