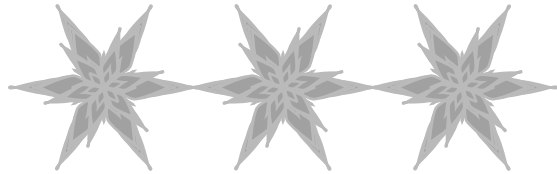


Let me give you a word of the philosophy of reform. The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her august claims, have been born of earnest struggle.

If there is no struggle, there is no progress.

Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.

Speech by Frederick Douglass, 1857.



We invite you to join us in our work to end homelessness in Massachusetts.

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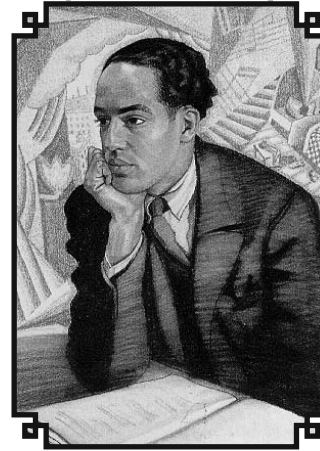
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Black Nativity

Wasn't that a mighty day!



Portrait of Langston Hughes
"A Wind in the Attic" by Winold Reiss

Homelessness will end.
And won't that be a "mighty day"?
As Langston Hughes reminds us:
*There are the inactive ones who by their inaction,
Aid in the breaking of your dreams.
There are the ones who burn to help you
but do not know how.*

*The National Center of Afro-American Artists presents its
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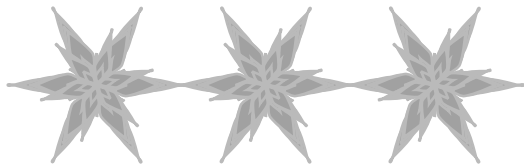
Welcome to the 40th annual production of
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one of Boston's most anticipated family Christmas experiences. Each year, this performance is recognized as the National Center of Afro-American Artists' holiday gift to New England.

Since 1996, this performance has benefited our homeless neighbors across Massachusetts through the works of the **Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (MHSA)**.

The cast is made up of professional singers, dancers, dramatic readers and talented amateur performers, community dignitaries and children from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences.

MHSA would like to thank *Black Nativity* and our generous sponsors.



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the abolition of homelessness.

With more than 90 member organizations across the Commonwealth, the antidotes to homelessness are made real through housing, employment and services.

Through its advocacy on Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill, MHSA seeks to win the political will and build partnerships needed to carry out its mission. Beyond rhetoric, MHSA seeks resources to end the social disgrace of homelessness.

Again, we thank you for your support.



Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance

For the thirteenth year, MHSA is honored to join with *Black Nativity* to remember the message of the homeless child. The Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance exists to abolish homelessness. Taking its place in the great story of freedom and justice, MHSA finds its roots and ancestry in this subject of Langston Hughes' *Black Nativity* and in the social agitation of the abolitionists of the 19th century.

Inspired by the stamina of Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison, Harriet Tubman, John Brown, Phyllis Wheatley, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, MHSA seeks to end the homelessness of our poorest neighbors.

Supporting tonight's benefit continues our traditional partnership with the *Black Nativity* cast in the very auditorium where Frederick Douglass and other abolitionists denounced slavery. We are glad you can be here as a part of our alliance to end homelessness.

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