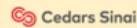




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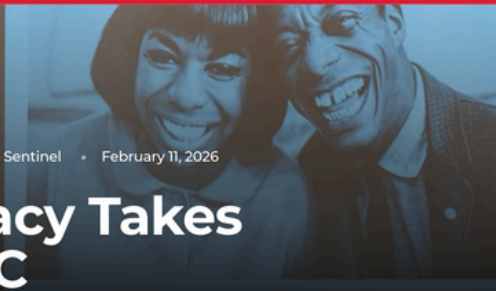


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Classical California Highlights Black History Month

In recognition of Black History Month, Classical California will spotlight the contributions of Black composers, musicians and conductors throughout February.

Classical California Resident Artist Lara Downes hosted *Crossings* on Feb. 7, exploring music by Black composers whose innovations helped define the American sound – from Scott Joplin, Florence Price, Wynton Marsalis and Jon Batiste. The program is available through kusc.org and kdfc.org until February 21.

In addition, *Classical Californians* episodes highlighting artists such as Jon Batiste, Regina Carter, Kris Bowers, Kedrick Armstrong, RZA, and Vincent Womack, as well as *Classical Americana* digital station hosted by Lara Downs, which features many of the Black composers and musicians who have made American classical music unique, are available for streaming on kusc.org and kdfc.org.

Together, these programs reflect a growing effort to connect Black history, cultural legacy and accessible arts programming.



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