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Rutgers University–Camden to Host Festival Mahogany, Featuring Maestro Marlon Daniel as Artistic Director

Event Runs February 28 through March 2

Camden, NJ – January 14, 2025: As part of its Year of the Arts, Rutgers University–Camden announces [Festival Mahogany](#), a weekend-long celebration of classical music featuring artistic direction by [Maestro Marlon Daniel](#). The festival will run from February 28 to March 2, focusing on world-renowned performers of color, including cellist [Ifetayo Ali-Landing](#) and soprano [Karen Slack](#).

The festival will also feature composer [Fred Onowwerosuoke](#), the Grammy-nominated quartet [Imani Winds](#), composer/conductor [Tania Leon](#), the [Joyner Duo](#), composer [James Lee III](#), and [Ensemble Du Monde](#), and include a lecture and panel discussion titled "Shattering the Glass Ceiling: Redefining Modern-Day Racism," moderated by Chancellor Tillis.

All events are free and open to the public and will be held at the Walter K. Gordon Theater on the campus of Rutgers–Camden. See [a complete schedule](#) of events and additional details about the festival on [the event website](#).

Maestro Daniel is one of the most dynamic conductors of his generation and is a bright light for diversity in classical music. He has performed in prestigious venues in Asia, Europe, and the United States, from Carnegie Hall to the Rudolfinum in Prague.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Maestro Marlon Daniel will be available for one-on-one interviews with media on Thursday, January 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. EST.

[LINK TO PHOTOS](#)

About Rutgers University–Camden

Ranked #46 in U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Public Colleges and Universities, Rutgers University–Camden is a diverse, research-intensive campus of approximately 5,700 students at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels and more than 1,500 faculty and staff members. Located in Camden, N.J., directly across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, the university is uniquely situated to serve the local community while achieving global reach. A U.S. Department of Education-eligible Minority Serving Institution, Rutgers–Camden thrives due to a supportive

culture that helps students achieve their goals. Rutgers–Camden is recognized as a national model for civically engaged urban universities and was selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for a Community Engagement classification. Washington Monthly magazine has ranked Rutgers University–Camden among its “Best Bang for the Buck” universities and best national universities. Rutgers–Camden holds Carnegie classification as an R2 research university due to a high volume of internationally recognized research, creative output, and scholarly activity.

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