

Stockton Africana Studies Program to Explore Life, Times of Iconic Pop Diva Josephine Baker

Free Performance by Philadelphia Actress 'Maxine Canada' Brown April 22

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Galloway Township, NJ - The Africana Studies Program at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is hosting an event, "The Life and Times of Josephine Baker: The Original 20th Century Black Pop Diva," on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Josephine Baker went to Paris, France in 1925 and became a world-famous dancer, singer, actress and movie star. Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, distinguished professor of Social Work and Africana Studies, will deliver a narrative presentation of the star's life. Afterward, Philadelphia actress Maxine "Canada" Brown will perform an abridged version of Bruce Robinson's one-woman, one-act play "La Baker, Divine: The Life and Times of Josephine Baker—the Original Diva." The event concludes with a discussion on race, gender and class.

The event, free and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. on the college's main Galloway campus in F-Wing room F-111.