

imagination every time by exceptional programing with one focus: Haiti. Through lectures, theater presentations, concerts and festivals, HNGD has touched Haitian history, literature and life, educating Haitians and non-Haitians about Haitian culture, and more importantly making new friends for Haiti and the growing Haitian Community in America.

After the cataclysmic events: the hurricane in Gonaives in 2006 and the earthquake of January 12, 2010, HNGD under the leadership of Mr. Fritz Monplaisir and then president Rosario Danier, was at the forefront, offering an outlet for channeling anguish and helplessness into concrete altruistic actions aiding hundreds in Haiti. Sensitive to mental health issues, HNGD introduced discussions about the effects of immigration on Haitian mental health and on the importance of fathers.

Using the talent of its members, HNGD, under the direction of Mr. Joe Etienne presented Maurice Sixto's "Lea Kokoye" as a play and Ms. Margaret Corkery directed Dr. Jean-Claude Dutes's play "Drame de la Famille Haïtienne." With a fusion of modern and tropical designs and a mixture of colors, a distinctive couture found its expression. Through fashion shows, the talented Dr. Marie Soledad Nelson celebrated the female forms and shapes, adorning graceful models with imaginative accoutrements.



Fritz Momplaisir, Raphael Bolivar, Fatima Charles, Melissa Chamblain & Reynold F. Charles in the play: "Drame de la Famille Haïtienne"



Father's day panel presentation on "The importance of fathers" left to right: Mr. Pierre Richard Lamarre, Dr. Jean Alcé, Dr. Jean-Claude Dutès & Mr. Kevin Louis.

Two years ago, the event "BÈL BAGAY LAKAY" was an extraordinary demonstration of the organizational capacity of the group: an exhibition and celebration of Haitian art that brought artists from around the world, stunned everyone's imagination. Keeping the community informed and cementing the bonds among members far and wide, it publishes a newsletter that other Haitian communities have expressed interest in emulating.



"BÈL BAGAY LAKAY" artist: Ms. Gina Samson



"BÈL BAGAY LAKAY" attendees: from left to right: Micaella Pierre-Jean, Leah and Pascal Léon



"BÈL BAGAY LAKAY" Artist Mr. Jacques Toussaint in action

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