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NEWARK ARTS COUNCIL CELEBRATES CLEMENT PRICE, CHAMPION OF THE ARTS, HISTORY AND CULTURE

*Gala Event to Feature North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club, Jazz House Kids, Artwork by
Gladys Barker Grauer, Adrienne Wheeler, and Nell Painter
Rutgers-Newark's Restored Skyscraper at 15 Washington St. is Site of Fundraiser*

Newark, NJ, February 26, 2016– The Newark Arts Council will celebrate the life and times of Clement Alexander Price, a beloved Rutgers University professor and iconic historian of New Jersey's largest city on **March 31, 2016, 6pm-10pm** at **Rutgers University-Newark, 15 Washington Street, Newark, NJ.**

"It's a great honor for the Newark Arts Council to present its 2016 Medal of the Arts posthumously to Clem Price," said Sheila McKoy, President of the Council. "He was a stalwart champion of the arts and will always be in our hearts," she added.

Mary Sue Sweeney Price, Director Emerita of The Newark Museum and honorary chair of the benefit, will accept the award on behalf of Dr. Price, her husband who passed in 2014. "It's fitting that this commemoration occurs during the year-long celebration of Newark's 350th Anniversary, which Clement excitingly anticipated," noted Mrs. Price. The gala, entitled "If Not For Clem," joins more than 150 events that are part of Newark Celebration 350.

Rutgers University-Newark will host the affair at the university's recently opened, historic neoclassical skyscraper at 15 Washington Street. "We're thrilled to join the Newark Arts Council in celebrating Newark, the arts and culture, and Clem Price," said Nancy Cantor, co-chair of the gala and Chancellor of Rutgers University-Newark. "I can think of no better way to do that than bringing people from many walks of life and many backgrounds together in this iconic building, the renovation of which Clem championed as a symbol of leveraging the past of our great city to build a brighter future."

The meticulously restored Great Hall will feature sights and sounds appreciated by Price. The North Jersey Philharmonic Glee Club, of which Price was a member for decades, will sing. Acknowledging

Price's love of music, Jazz House Kids will perform jazz standards. Visual artists beloved by Price will display their artwork, including artists Gladys Barker Grauer, Adrienne Wheeler, Nell Painter and others. David Grant, a longtime friend of Price and former president and CEO of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

"The arts community helps make Newark extremely attractive for those who want to be a part of the resurgence of the city," said Anthony Gibbons, co-founder of Crawford Street Partners, a real estate development and management company. "Supporting the Newark Arts Council and the legacy of Clem Price was something we enthusiastically embraced. We invite others to join us," said Gibbons, co-chair of the gala, the proceeds of which will benefit the Newark Arts Council.

For ticket information, please contact Maria Gatewood at (973) 643-1625, maria@newarkarts.org or visit www.newarkarts.org.

[About Newark Arts Council](#)

The Newark Arts Council, a nonprofit organization, was created to advance and expand the artistic and cultural resources of the City of Newark, New Jersey. NAC's mission is to bring the transformative power of the arts into the lives of those who live in, work in, and visit Newark. The Council is well-known for the Open Doors Festival, an annual fall tour of public and private art spaces, studios and galleries across the city. NAC has awarded over \$500,000 in grants to neighborhood individuals and local organizations through the Arts Start program. NAC is also the incubator of the Newark Arts Education Roundtable, a strategic alliance of 40+ arts education stakeholders, who ensure that Newark children have equitable access to high quality, sequential arts education opportunities. For more information, contact Jeremy Johnson, Interim Executive Director, at (973) 643-1625 or visit www.newarkarts.org.

[About Rutgers University-Newark](#)

Rutgers University - Newark (RU-N) is a diverse, urban, public research university that is an anchor institution in New Jersey's largest city and cultural capital. Nearly 11,500 students are currently enrolled at its 38-acre campus. An engine of discovery, innovation, and social mobility, RU-N has a remarkable legacy of producing high-impact scholarship that is connected to the great questions and challenges of the world. A pivotal strength is that RU-N brings an exceptional diversity of people to this work—students, faculty, staff, and community partners—increasing it innovation, creativity, engagement, and relevance for our time and the times ahead. For more information, please visit www.newark.rutgers.edu

[About Newark Celebration 350](#)

Newark Celebration 350 (NC 350) is a year-long jubilee of unique events and festivities commemorating the 350th anniversary of the city of Newark's founding. NC350 was the vision of the late Dr. Clement A. Price, Newark's foremost historian and tireless booster of the city and its people. Over 150 marquee programs will highlight the city's rich history, remarkable achievements, and diverse communities. This spectacular "festival of festivals" aims to inspire and excite locals and visitors from around the world by showcasing the best of this great American city. For more information, visit www.nc350.org.

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