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## NEW YORK

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***THE COMMUNITY FUND WITH CONCORDIA CONSERVATORY PRESENT  
MUSICAL ADVENTURES AT THE LIBRARY  
“The Poetry of Langston Hughes” - In honor of Black History Month***

**Bronxville, NY**— The Community Fund presents the third of four music and literature programs —“The Poetry of Langston Hughes” in honor of Black History Month, at the Bronxville, and Tuckahoe Public Libraries, produced by Concordia Conservatory.

These performances are geared to students in grades 6-8 and their families. They will be presented by Conservatory faculty George Francois, pianist and Concordia College student Franceska Jean. They are free and open to the public.

Bronxville Library	Wednesday, February 4	3:00pm
Tuckahoe Library	Wednesday, February 4	7:00pm

**George François** is a Ghanaian concert pianist of international repute. Born into a musical family, he began piano lessons as early as age 2. His advanced studies took him to the University of Ghana and later to the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, England, where he won the Charles James Heywood Prize for Piano, the Charles Hall Scholarship, and the Terence Weill Prize for Chamber Music. He has participated in numerous international concerts with a contemporary music ensemble, a jazz band and other smaller ensembles. With his keen passion for celebrating and promoting African folk idioms, he is gradually leaving his mark on modern classical music as an exponent of African folk music. As a pianist he hopes to always play with excellence and keep on improving. It is this philosophy that he instills in his students at Concordia Conservatory, where he teaches piano.

**Franceska Jean** is a freshman at Concordia College. She sings in the choir and studies voice while pursuing a liberal arts degree. Franceska has performed in a number of musicals during her high school years at Mt Vernon, as well as the lead role in the Conservatory’s 2007 show, A Christmas Carol, where she played Mrs. Cratchit. Friendly, confident and with a memorable voice, Franceska continues to participate in community and college activities – the latest being a new found talent in Cheerleading.

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