



## ASE: The Chicago of Black Storytellers 2018 AFFILIATE REPORT

In 2018 ASE: The Chicago Association of Black Storytellers shared our African American authentic cultural narratives which created a portal for possibility. Our collective goal was to impact and support positive initiatives within our community. ASE as an affiliate was cohesive and confident as we told our stories.

### SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES November 2017- November 2018

**CONCERTS:** Storytelling for A Cause: Water for Africa (Youth/Adult) \* Annual Concerts (Youth/Adult)  
\*Pre-Kwanza (Intergenerational)\*Black History (youth)\* Soulful Book Fair (intergenerational)

### **ASE YOUTH:**

ASE is proud to have a vibrant talented youth group that performs in the Chicago metropolitan area. Additionally, we had four (4) intergenerational concerts this year with the youth. Four members of ASE Youth will receive awards at NABS.

### **MOTHER MARY CARTER SMITH**

Members participated in radio broadcasts to celebrate the birthday of NABS co-founder.

### **TRADITION KEEPER AWARD**

During our Annual Concert ASE honored Nana Camille Yarbrough who works to maintain the standard of excellence in African American art. For over six decade she has been recognized as a cultural activist.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Reva and David LOGAN CENTER for Arts: The University of Chicago Logan Center; COURT THEATER: Court Theater; Akiba Bookstore Trinity United Church of Christ, Christ the Mediator Church , Martin Luther King Chicago Public Library.

### **WORKSHOP for PUBLIC and ASE MEMBERS**

The Education Committee presented "*Storytelling in the African American Oral Tradition*".

### **Membership 2018**

Five new adult members    32 adult members    12 youth member    44 total

### **LIST OF OFFICERS**

President Alice Butler Collins    Vice President Dolores Gordon    Treasurer Joanne Thomas  
Recording Secretary Stephanie Davenport    Corresponding Secretary Patricia Redd