

The Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, Inc.,  
Annual Affiliate Report for 2020

The Officers and Members of CABS greet you in the spirit of our ancestors and NABS co-founders, Queen Mother Mary Carter Smith and Queen Mother Linda Goss. Thank you to President, Janice Curtis Greene and NABS Board of Directors for your support.

**January 2020**

CABS 2020 and Beyond

CABS officers and members met for a work meeting to chart the future and leadership structure of the organization. CABS 2020 and Beyond will be an ongoing process for the organization.

**February 2020**

CABS members celebrated Black History throughout the Greater Cleveland area:

- Storytellers Kwanza Brewer, Donna Willingham, Prester Pickett, Beverly Lloyd and Deborah Wright presented "And Still, I Rise" Black History Program at St. Ignatius High School Breen Performing Arts Center.
- Storytellers Michele Rudolph and Jackki Boyd participated in Front Steps Transitional Housing Black History Program at St. John's Episcopal Church.

**June 2020**

Storytellers Michele Rudolph and Lois Graham virtually performed at Station Hope "A Tiny Black Mountain" which examines the trauma of high infant mortality rates affecting African Americans families historically and present day. Station Hope is Cleveland's annual celebration of freedom and social justice history.

**August 2020**

CABS formed a grant writing committee consisting of Michele Rudolph, Kwanza Brewer, Beverly Lloyd, Lois Graham and Marissa Thompson. The committee met virtually and applied for a grant from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture to fund the virtual project "Black Lives Matter: Seize the Time, scheduled for 2021.

**October 2020**

CABS members Judy Bateman, Donna Willingham, Lois Graham and Michele Rudolph performed virtually at the Great Lakes African American Writers Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, Inc.  
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