

THE ALUMNI OF THE KUUMBA SINGERS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

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Dear Fellow “Kuumbabes”/ Kuumba Alumni:

Happy holidays to all, and a special welcome from the Alumni Association to our newest members from the Class of 2012!

2011-2012 presented wonderful opportunities to forge relationships and build bridges between the choir and alumni. One of our favorite events was Kuumba's spring tour to New York, where choir members and alumni celebrated together at concerts across the city.

What's next for the alumni association? This is an exciting moment for our community as it falls exactly at the midpoint between reunions. In spring 2010 we experienced an extraordinary 40th Anniversary celebration, and in spring 2015 we will come together again for the 45th Anniversary! **100 alumni gathered from around the country for the 40th, and our goal for the 45th is to increase that number to 175 alumni participants.**

In the meantime, we look forward to introducing a **special team of “reunion co-chairs”** to help us strengthen local alumni communities and alumni connection to the choir in anticipation of this great event. These Kuumba alumni will serve as point persons for five-year “eras” of alums.

In the coming seasons, you will hear from your designated co-chair about opportunities to engage with undergraduate Kuumbabes as well as **pre-reunion activities like the Spring Alumni Rehearsal**. The latter is a once-a-year event to debut in spring 2013 and take place simultaneously in New York, Boston, and Washington, D.C. Modeled on the informal “alumni sing” in the Adams JCR that we so loved at the 40th Anniversary, the Spring Alumni Rehearsal offers a familiar format for sharing Kuumba favorites, old and new. Stay tuned for more details – and let us know if you'd like to hold “Rehearsal” in a city we haven't named! Please feel free to reach out to your reunion co-chairs with other ideas and questions, or write to kuumbaalumni@gmail.com.

Our alumni association's mission is two-fold: to build and sustain meaningful community among Kuumba alumni and to support the current choir in celebrating the creativity and spirituality of Black culture. Their work is made possible and better by donations to the Kuumba Singers' Annual Fund. Please make a generous contribution today.

May God bless and keep you.

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