

The Ruby Elzy Story

The Ohio State School of Music and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, celebrate the life and career of Ohio State alumna Ruby Elzy on Saturday, February 11 at 8 p.m. at the historic Lincoln Theatre. The program, narrated by Columbus resident, David Weaver, author of *Black Diva of the Thirties: The Life of Ruby Elzy*, will tell the story of Ruby's path to celebrity, while spotlighting some of the best student performers from the School of Music.



Ruby Pearl Elzy (1908-1943) was born into poverty in Mississippi, discovered and brought to Ohio State by Professor C.C. McCracken, and vocally trained by Dr. Royal Hughes. After graduation in 1930 she moved to Juilliard for further refinement before launching a career that led to numerous engagements for radio, Hollywood, the White House, and to be handpicked by Gershwin to create the role of "Serena" in *Porgy and Bess*. The story will be told through narration, projections, and by current voice students who will perform selections from Elzy's recital and concert repertoire. The evening will conclude with selections from *Porgy and Bess*. Presented in the historic Lincoln Theatre as part of the Columbus Bicentennial celebration, the evening promises to bring further recognition to this Ohio State alumna and significant personality from Columbus' past.

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Saturday, February 11, 2012

8 p.m.

The Lincoln Theatre

\$15 general public

\$8 senior citizens and students (with ID)

Advance ticket sales available through the OSU Theatre Box Office (614) 292-2295, the CAPA ticket office (614) 469-0939 or ticketmaster.com.

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