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Established in 1989, CAALS brings a notable African American author to the Marygrove Conservancy campus each April. Over 10,000 people have attended the free Friday night public lectures; thousands more have attended via livestreaming on PBS Books. Thousands of Detroit area high school and college students and Detroit community members have studied the authors' works and attended sessions with guest authors in the series. Learn more about the history of the series and previous guest authors: <https://bit.ly/MG-CAALS>

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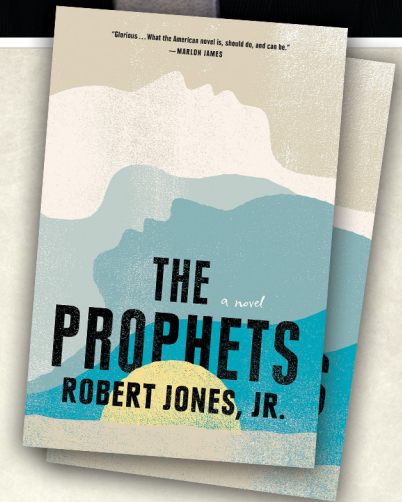
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ROBERT
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Awards Winning Novelist/Essayist



Friday, April 28, 2023
8:00 PM



Program

Welcome

Turkessa Baldridge

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Introduction of Robert Jones, Jr.

Anwar Uhuru, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of African American Studies

Wayne State University

Bauder Lecture

Robert Jones, Jr.

Author of *The Prophets*

Topic: “Shoo, Fly, Shoo! Black Artistic Survival Beyond the Swatting Hand of Workshop Whiteness”

Audience Questions

Book Signing/Reception

ROBERT JONES, JR.

Robert Jones, Jr. is the author of *The New York Times* bestselling novel *The Prophets* and the creator of the social justice media community, *Son of Baldwin*. *The Prophets* won the 2022 Publishing Triangle Edmund White Award for Debut Fiction and the 2022 NAIBA Book of the Year Award for Fiction. It was also a finalist for the 2021 National Book Award for Fiction and was named one of the best books of 2021 by *Time*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *USA Today*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Washington Post*, among others. His writings have been featured in *The New York Times*, *Essence*, and *The Paris Review*, as well as in the critically acclaimed anthologies *Four Hundred Souls* and *The 1619 Project*. Born and raised in New York City, Jones received his BFA in creative writing with honors and his MFA in fiction from Brooklyn College, and he now lives in Brooklyn. Subscribe to his newsletter *Witness* at www.robertjonesjr.substack.com.

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Established in 2018, the Marygrove Conservancy is a nonprofit organization that manages operations and stewards the 53-acre Marygrove College campus in northwest Detroit as a resource for high-quality uses in the community. Partnering organizations offering educational programs are tenants of the Conservancy, which also supports award-winning community engagement and legacy programs. Website: www.marygroveconservancy.org