



THE 369TH EXPERIENCE

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OUR HISTORY

The 369th Experience is an historic re-creation of the The 369th Infantry Regimental Band, also known as the **Harlem Hellfighters**. The 369th Infantry Regiment was comprised of African American and Puerto Rican soldiers who served valiantly alongside French soldiers in World War I. They went on to become one of the longest-serving, most decorated units of World War I.

In addition to their bravery on the battlefield, these soldiers were brilliant musicians who introduced ragtime, big band and jazz to the warfront and the world.

Our band is made up of 65 African American and Puerto Rican male students from HBCUs and other colleges and universities across the United States. Our program celebrates the Harlem Hellfighters' contributions to the music of the past and present with live and virtual performances saluting The 369th Regimental Band and its bandleader James Reese Europe.



OUR LEADERSHIP



Stephany B. Neal Founder & Executive Producer

Ms. Neal has developed cultural exchange programs for the U. S. Department of State, the National Endowment of the Arts and Armed Forces Entertainment.



Anthony Jones Band Director

Mr. Jones is the Director of Bands and Assistant Professor of Music at Livingstone College. He is the Assistant Orchestra Director for the National Baptist Congress.



WATCH: The Roots of the 369th Experience Band

OUR MISSION

The 369th Experience's mission is to plan, develop, and execute programs, projects, and educational activities to support the commemoration and acknowledgement of the contributions of the African American soldiers who fought in World War I as part of the 369th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Harlem Hellfighters. These activities nationwide and internationally will ensure the legacy of the 369th Regiment is shared with 10 million students and millennials. The organization will perform these educational services during the World War I Centennial and beyond to acknowledge, educate and preserve the legacy of the Harlem Hellfighters.

OUR SCHOOLS

Our students represent Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCUs) and other schools across the country. Our most recent roster includes the following schools.

Alabama State University ★ Benedict College
Delaware State University ★ Florida A&M University
Fayetteville State University ★ Grambling State University
Howard University ★ Jackson State University
Livingstone College ★ Morgan State University
Norfolk State University ★ North Carolina A&T University
North Carolina Central University ★ Prairie View A&M University
Southern University A&M ★ Tennessee State University
Texas Southern University ★ Texas Tech University
Tuskegee University ★ University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

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PERFORMANCES

Hôtel National des Invalides Paris, France
 Lafayette Square
 John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts*
 Residence of the French Ambassador
 Something in the Water Music Festival
 World War I Memorial Site*
 National Museum of African American History & Culture*
 Rockefeller Center*
 Marcus Garvey Park
 Liberty State Park
 Brooklyn's 152nd Memorial Day Lest We Forget Parade
 The Shed*
 USS Intrepid

JUNETEENTH

Our Juneteenth 2022 program was our largest program to date. It Included a week of master classes and performances in Washington, DC in honor of Juneteenth and Black Music Month.

[Juneteenth 2022 Highlight Video*](#)

[Juneteenth Weekly Summary Video*](#)

*Click for video of these performances.

You can view all performances at <https://www.369experience.com/performances/>



PRESS

The New York Times February 2023
 The New York Times April 2019
 The Wall Street Journal
 Rolling Stone
 New York Daily News
 PBS WETA
 PIX 11 New York



CELEBRITY SUPPORTERS

Our band has worked with the following musicians, performers, and historians.

H. B. Barnum
 Academy Award-Winning Musician Jon Batiste
 Mercedes Ellington
 The Golden Gate Quartet
 Grammy Award Winning Trumpeter/Composer Sean Jones
 Grammy Award Winning Jazz Musician Christian McBride
 Jazz Pianist Jason Moran
 Grammy-Nominated Percussionist Bobby Sanabria



DESCENDANTS

The 369th Experience is proud to work with the descendants of bandleaders James Reese Europe and Noble Sissle. Both the Europe and Sissle families support our project and participate when available.



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