



In its second season, the College's VIP Series builds on the success of its first year which drew hundreds to experience opportunities to learn from and be inspired by the *visions, ideas, and perspectives* of speakers of local, regional, and national prominence.

The 2015 season takes that experience to the next level with presenters and performers spanning timely and relevant topics of art, culture, history, and science. Four evening sessions will be held in the

College's Tennessee Williams Theatre on the Key West Campus with light refreshments and a cash bar.

Individual performance and season tickets (for just \$40) are available at [www.keystix.com](http://www.keystix.com) or by calling 305-295-7676. FKCC student admission is free with FKCC Student ID.

### **2015 VIP Series Schedule:**

#### **“Of Ebony Embers: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance”**

Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m.; \$25

Conceived and performed by the nationally-acclaimed Core Ensemble, this unique blend of theatric narrative and chamber music work explores and celebrates the lives of great African-American poets as seen through the eyes of the great muralist and painter Aaron Douglas during the Harlem Renaissance. The timely performance/lecture continues the celebration of freedom and perseverance during the Dr. Martin Luther King Day holiday.

#### **“The Kennedy Assassination: What We Now Know and What We Will Never Know”**

Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m.; \$5

Attorney Timothy Gratz and Publisher Shirrel Rhoades have spent thousands of collective hours researching the Kennedy Assassination which remains the greatest unsolved mystery in American History. Fifty years after the release of the Warren Commission Report, the local duo will lead an exploration through three government investigations into the assassination as well as the results of their own research. Their research, concentrated on the Keys, will reveal connections that will likely surprise you.

#### **“Coral Grief: Fall of the Cities Beneath the Sea”**

Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m.; \$5

Coral reefs are home to one of every four marine species known to science; and they are vital to maintaining Earth's biological diversity. Unfortunately, these magnificent natural wonders are in trouble. Nearly a quarter of the world's coral reefs have been destroyed. If current trends continue, we risk losing the rest by mid-century. But there is much we can do to preserve these “cities under the sea” for future generations... if we act now. FKCC's renowned Professor of Marine Science Dr. Alex Brylske will present this powerful and timely message.

#### **“Discover DaVinci & Michelangelo: Side by Side”**

Saturday, April 11 at 8 p.m.; \$25

Mark Rodgers, Curator of the DaVinci Machines and Michelangelo Exhibitions from the permanent Museum of Leonardo DaVinci in Florence, Italy, will take you on an awe-inspiring journey through the Italian Renaissance as seen through the eyes of these two monumental geniuses. This original theatre performance is a non-stop, multi-media event featuring movies, videos, 3-D animations, and images of their inventions, codices, paintings, and sculptures.