

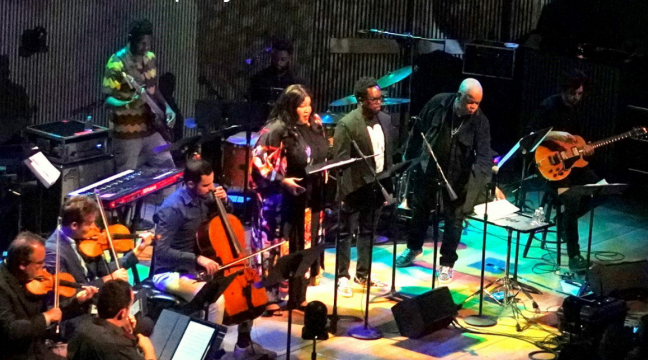
FIRE SHUT UP IN MY BONES

April 24, 2025 | 8 PM

Mortensen Hall at The Bushnell

Terrence Blanchard
with The E-Collective

Andrew F. Scott &
Matthew Unkenholz,
video projections



Terrence Blanchard
trumpet & composer



Carolyn Kuan
conductor



Will Liverman
baritone



Janinah Burnett
soprano

HARTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Terence Blanchard and The E-Collective perform a groundbreaking concert experience with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, featuring excerpts from *Fire Shut Up in My Bones* and Blanchard's acclaimed film scores. The performance blends music, visuals by Andrew F. Scott, and stunning vocals by Janinah Burnett and Will Liverman.

About *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*

Fire Shut Up in My Bones is Charles M. Blow's powerful memoir of a young Black man's journey through trauma, resilience, and self-discovery. Adapted into an opera by Terence Blanchard, it debuted at the Met in 2021, making history as the first opera by a Black composer performed there. Praised for its evocative music and storytelling, it stands as a landmark in the Met's repertoire.

About Terence Blanchard

Terence Blanchard is a celebrated jazz trumpeter and composer known for his innovative albums and acclaimed film scores, including collaborations with Spike Lee. He expanded his artistry to opera, composing *Champion* and *Fire Shut Up in My Bones*.

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