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The Newsletter of Blind Beggar Press, Inc.

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BLIND BEGGAR PRESS: REFLECTING AND RE-ENERGIZING



Jacqueline Johnson



David Mills



Brenda Connor-Bey



Carl Yearwood

On October 25, 2009, BLIND BEGGAR PRESS held an event in Harlem at the home of our new Board member, Layding Lumumba Kaliba. This was the first cultural event the company has held in the past several months. It was designed to let the public know that BBP is alive, well, and kickin'! There was a performance by **Donna Tulivu Cumberbatch and her Trio** and literary performances by poets **Brenda Connor-Bey, Jackie Johnson, David Mills, and Carl Yearwood**. Close to 50 people were in attendance and indulged in good food and drink, and a raffle was held for each of Blind Beggar Press's publications. This program was the first in a series that are planned for 2010, including a Black History Month/ Valentine's Day Celebration in February. Stay tuned...



Tulivu and her Trio

NEW BOARD MEMBERS BRING NEW LIFE TO THE COMPANY

With the addition of new members to the Blind Beggar Press Board, there is new energy permeating our activities. **Paulette Gary, Nancy Hartman, Danielle Jean-Marie and Layding Lumumba Kaliba** each bring a set of skills and experiences to the company which offer new perspectives and creative ideas for the company to take the next steps. After 32 years, Blind Beggar Press is still on the cutting edge of alternative publishing and the best is yet to come!

KALIBA HONORS HIS MOTHER IN A NEW BOOK



Layding Kaliba's forthcoming book, *in the absence of god*, is scheduled for release in November. It is a monumental collection of poetry, and the book is dedicated to his mother, CELESTER BRIGHT, who he credits with having a major influence on his life. The book contains several color reproductions of paintings by Sheila Prevost, two of which adorn the front and back covers. There will be a book celebration after its release in November.