

# Black Arts West Celebrates Amiri Baraka at 75

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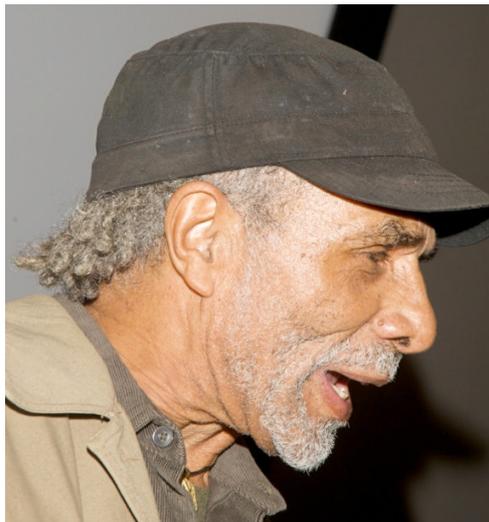
at the Fillmore Jazz Heritage Center  
produced by Marvin X and Bay Area Writers  
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Ptah, Minister of Education, Academy of da Corner, Baraka, Marvin X on panel discussion suggested by Ptah's poem "Black Studies went to college and never came home."



Amiri Baraka, and Abdul Sabry, editor of *Black Dialogue Magazine*, founding member of the Black Students Union at San Francisco State University.



Aubrey LaBrie, one of the founders of the BSU at SFSU, taught early class on Black Nationalism, also an editor of *Black Dialogue Magazine*.



A praise dance for Baraka, featuring Linda Johnson, Rashidah Sabreen, Raynetta Rayzetta, drummers Val Serrant, Tumani.

Dr. Dorothy Tsuruta (on the left), professor of Black Studies At SFSU, defended her department. Dr. James Garrett (on the right), founding BSU president at SFSU, playwright “We Own the Night.”



Rev. George Murray (on the left), BSU strike leader, he taught English at SFSU, and Black Panther Party Minister of Education. Queen Mother of Bay Area Media, Jerri Lange, author of *A Black Woman’s Life in the Media*, praising Baraka.



Journalist Lee Hubbard (on the left), Marvin X (in the middle) and Dr. J. Vern Cromartie (on the right). Cromartie is head of Sociology Department at Contra Costa College, a Marvin X student and scholar who recently delivered a paper on Marvin X's tenure at U.C. Berkeley.



Timothy Reed, author and daughter of Ishmael Reed.



Dr. Tsuruta with gift for Amiri Baraka from the Department Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University.