

## Get Involved

Our many friends and volunteers are making this project a success through their commitment and hard work.

We are grateful to the over 100 volunteers who, on October 16, 2010 took part in a cleanup at the National Opera House.

At the end of the cleanup, a group picture was taken for submission to the National Trust for Historic Preservations' program "This Place Matters".



## We Need You

We are currently looking for volunteers for the following committees:

- Opera House
- Programs
- Finance
- Development
- Public Relations
- Budget
- Advisory
- History
- Fundraising

Volunteer today at:  
[www.nationaloperahouse.org](http://www.nationaloperahouse.org)

## US Academy of Steelpan Classes starting soon!

Our 2011 classes are filling up fast. Log onto our website or fill out the form below to register your student for classes beginning in February.

Parent Name:	
Child's Name:	
Address:	
Child's DOB:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

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## *OPERAtion Restore*

### Mission Statement:

National Opera House will restore and maintain the site of the National Negro Opera Company in order to teach culture through arts and music to the youth of the Community.

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# Join OPERATION Restore today...

## The Past



Set on a high terrace overlooking Homewood (the property is actually in the Lincoln-Lemington neighborhood, but Homewood West is across the street), this is a large (7,074 square feet), square Queen Anne house with a cross gable roof with four interior end chimneys and a round turret at the south corner. It sits on a large 38,856 square-foot lot, which has a steeply sloping hillside behind the house. The wrap-around porch rests on paired columns with stone bases and entrance steps at the center of the southwest façade

The house at 7101 Apple Street from its creation in 1894 till the death of Woogie Harris in 1967 housed some of the most influential and culturally significant African Americans in Pittsburgh and the U.S. It was the early home of Mary Cardwell Dawson's National Negro Opera Company, later serving as the home of Pittsburgh's local "Guild". It also served as apartment to famous African Americans who visited to the city and were not allowed to stay in other parts of the city. Though it has suffered deterioration in the long years since then it remains a monument to the accomplishments of the black community.

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## The Present



The National Opera House is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status, whose primary goal is to restore and maintain the original National Negro Opera House in order to teach culture through arts and music to the youth of its local communities.

### Phase One:

- Roof
- Porch
- Electrical System
- Windows
- Plumbing
- Heating

### Phase Two:

- Stucco
- Floors
- Interior/Exterior Painting
- Tea Room
- Bathroom
- Offices

### Phase Three:

- Equipment
- Furniture
- Security
- Landscape

## The Future



The Opera House will establish a community-based performing group and school intended to build self esteem, while increasing motivation, focus and academic achievements. The US Academy of Steelpan will enrich the lives of students through the culture, arts and music they will learn from being a part of the Pittsburgh Youth Steel Orchestra. Students will also learn social skills and build networking skills in a low pressure and disciplined environment.

The Opera House will provide steelpan music lessons, along with classes in music technology. Space and resources will be provided for youth to create, produce and record their own music. Opportunities will also be provided in entrepreneurship and business practices.

The National Opera desires to be an integral part of the success of young people in the Pittsburgh area, but specifically Homewood, Lincoln, Lemington, Larimer, and East Liberty. We intend to impact the lives of young individuals and change our community through culturally diverse arts programs.

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