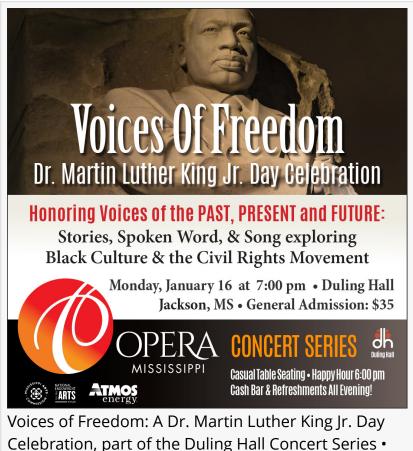


## Voices OF Freedom To Fill Duling Hall on MLK Day

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES, December 21, 2022 / EINPresswire.com/ -- On Monday, January 16, Opera Mississippi celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History with "Voices of Freedom", presented by Atmos Energy at 7:00 pm, in Duling Hall, 622 Duling Ave. Created and performed by black young artists, the concert features a collection of black composers, writers, poetry, freedom songs, and art songs from and commemorating the Civil **Rights movement. Doors and Opera** Happy Hour begin at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$35 available at operams.org or by calling our box office, 601-966-6601.

The audience will hear poignant works from poets such as Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes, Hall Johnson, and Harry T. Burleigh, along with heartrending musical selections such



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as Oh Freedom, They Laid Medgar Evers in His Grave, Amazing Grace, Song for a Dark Girl, Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around, Witness, and more sung by John Christopher Adams (tenor), Tiffany Williams-Cole (soprano), <u>Temperance Jones</u> (soprano), and Ramelle Brooks (baritone/bass), accompanied by Tyler Kemp (piano). Spoken word artist, Jason 'Smiley' Abrams, will present two original pieces and narrate this musical journey through oppression, heartache, courage, inspiration, determination, and ultimately, freedom.

Temperance Jones, Opera Mississippi's own Outreach Coordinator and singer, created the artistic concept and design for this tribute experience and says, "It means so much to me that we are able to present this concert. For a long time, I've felt that Black History needed to be shown in such a way that audiences understand that our past is a part of us, but doesn't define us; and

that there is beauty in reflection-it gives us black artistry."

The mission of "Voices of Freedom" is to channel the Black experience from each artist and deliver an artistic expression that not only speaks to the audience, but creates understanding and unity between the performers, the audience, and our collective history. This concert promises to be an educational and uplifting experience for all, and it is the first of its kind with Opera Mississippi.



Temperance Jones performing for Opera Mississippi on Sept. 17, 2022 for their 77th season kickoff event at the Jackson Yacht Club.

After a day of rest, reflection, and perhaps visiting the Civil Rights

Museum or one of the many other reflective cultural experiences in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History, join Opera Mississippi for an evening of talented young artists and exquisite music honoring one of the most monumental cultural events in our nation's history,

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For all event and cast information and to purchase tickets, visit operams.org or call 601-966-6601.

Opera Mississippi's 77th season is supported in part by funding from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency, and in part, from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

About Opera Mississippi Opera Mississippi, founded in 1945, is the ninth oldest

continuously operating opera company in the United States, and Mississippi's only professional opera company. Opera Mississippi's mission is to entertain, educate, and enlighten Mississippi audiences through world-class opera, musical theatre and popular musical experiences while providing educational outreach and emerging artist opportunities that reflect community connection and culture, and preserve the art form of opera.

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Tenor



Jason 'Smiley' Abrams John Christopher Adams Spoken Word



**Ramelle Brooks** Bass



**Temperance** Jones Soprano



**Tiffany Williams-Cole** Soprano



Tyler Kemp piano

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The Duling Hall Concert Series is an informal and casual series of performances at Duling Hall, located at 622 Duling Avenue in Jackson, Mississippi. Enjoy music in an informal & casual setting. From small operas and operettas to tributes to Rock Legends.



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