

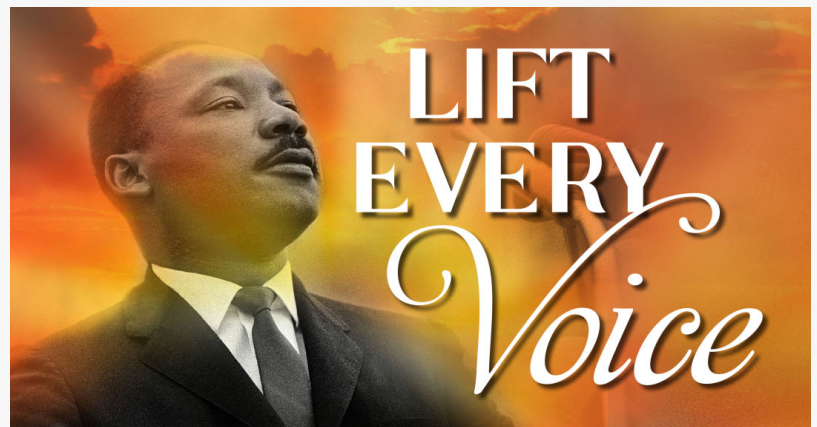
Musical Commemoration to MLK Opens Opera MS "Celebrating Connections" Concert Series at Mississippi Museum of Art

Tenor and Fannin, MS native John Christopher Adams draws from his family's history and connections to Civil Rights Activism.

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, UNITED STATES, November 14, 2023 / EINPresswire.com/ -- [Opera Mississippi](#) presents their first performance for 2024 with "[Lift Every Voice](#)," as a commemoration for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, featuring John Christopher Adams, on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the [Mississippi Museum of Art](#) in Jackson, (380 South Lamar Street.)

Songs of tragedy and triumph have long been the soundtrack of the Black experience in America, and history has shown that music is the best way to reach everyone within that culture. From slavery to Civil Rights and beyond, music has the ability to unite and encourage, pass along messages, spread words of hope, and harness the power and resilience of the human spirit. "Lift Every Voice" is a celebration of the heartache and hope of the Civil Rights Movement.

Operatic tenor John Christopher Adams has enjoyed preparing for this meaningful concert, especially delving into his own family's history and connections to Civil Rights activism. John Christopher has performed on stages around the world including Germany, Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Israel, Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, and Seattle. A native of Fannin,



A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Starring John Christopher Adams & Tyler Kemp

Mississippi Museum of Art • Jackson, MS

Jan. 15, 2024 at 7 pm • Tickets \$38



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Casual Table Seating • Opera Happy Hour 6:00 pm • Cash Bar & Refreshments All Evening!

The January 15th performance is the first in a new Spring concert series from Opera MS titled "Celebrating Connections." These collaborative concerts showcase local, young artists, spotlight stellar Mississippi musicians, and bring world class performers

Mississippi, he studied theatre and music with the late Mrs. Karen Streit and Ms. Helen G. Morgan. He holds degrees in Vocal Performance and Opera from Mississippi College and the University of Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music. When he's not performing, he owns and operates the John C. Adams State Farm Agency in Gadsden, Alabama. Adams is thrilled to be part of this event. "Singing the songs of Civil Rights is probably one of the greatest ways I could pay respect to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and the causes he championed," he stated.

You will hear songs such as "Soon I Will be Done," "Ain't-A-Dat Good News," "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name," "I'm a Soldier," "Amazing Grace," "A Change Gon' Come," "We Shall Overcome," and many other soulful spirituals and Civil Rights songs.



John Christopher Adams in concert for Opera Mississippi from season 77 concert "Voices of Freedom", February 2023. Photo by Jay Scott.

Seating is General Admission and tickets are \$38 each. For tickets and more information go to <https://www.operams.org/lift> or call 601-960-2300. "Lift Every Voice" is presented by Atmos

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enlighten Mississippi audiences through opera, musical theatre, and popular music experiences; to enhance Mississippi's cultural and economic landscape by presenting accessible, high-quality performances; to identify and develop regional operatic and singing artists; and to promote the understanding and appreciation of opera through education, outreach, and audience development that reflects community awareness, connection, and culture.

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"Lift Every Voice" will be performed at the Trustmark Grand Hall inside the Mississippi Museum of Art, located at 380 S. Lamar in Jackson, MS.



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