

**MLK**



**CELEBRATION**

**MASON GROSS  
SCHOOL  
OF THE  
ARTS**

**RUTGERS**  
Mason Gross School  
of the Arts

**THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**

**2 p.m.**

Nicholas Music Center

Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey



“If our demands for full justice are wrong, then  
the Constitution is wrong.

“If our demands are wrong, then the promise  
of equal protection under the law is wrong.

“If our demands are wrong, then we might as well tear up  
the Declaration of Independence and its promise of life,  
liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all people.

“If our demands are wrong, then the Bible is wrong in  
Isaiah 10 when it declares, ‘Woe unto you who legislate  
evil and rob the poor of their rights.’”

– *Justification for the Poor People’s Campaign*



“We are not makers of history. We are made by history.”

– The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,  
*Letter from Birmingham Jail, 1963*

# PROGRAM

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Host: Naia Edmonds, Theater BA '25



## **“Alabama”**

by John Coltrane (1926–1967)

Arr. by Conrad Herwig

Chamber Jazz 1

Drums – Professor Robby Ameen, Director

Bass – Graham Kozak BM '22

Piano – Peter Rushing BM '24

Tenor Sax – Jeremy Leon MM '25

Trumpet – Tahj Walsh MM '25

## **“The Poor People’s Campaign”**

A documentary by Muhammed W. Qadar, Film BFA '24

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## **Reflections on MLK's Crusade to Unite Poor People**

Dr. Randall Westbrook

Lecturer, Department of Africana Studies

Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences

### **"Tomorrow Is My Turn"**

Performed by Chloe Lovell, Dance BFA '24

### **"The Militant Nonviolent Movement"**

Written and directed by Marshall Jones III

Performed by Jamaica Brewster, Theater BFA '27

Taye Forde, Theater BFA '27

Kelvin Langevine, Theater BFA '27

Maddox Morfit-Tighe, Theater BFA '27

Katie Sullivan, Theater BFA '27

### **"The Heart of a Woman"**

by Florence Price (1887–1953)

Performed by Sydney Forrester Wilson BM '24

Piano – Kate Lim DMA '13

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**Rutgers University Kirkpatrick Choir with the  
Cicely Tyson Community School of Performing  
and Fine Arts High School Choir**

**“Lift Every Voice and Sing”**

J. Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954) / Arr. Roland Carter

James Lubrano, piano

Dr. Brandon Williams, conductor

Troy Bell, director, Cicely Tyson High School Choir

**RUTGERS KIRKPATRICK CHOIR**

Tedros Abera	Breanna Fabriczi	Jose Nicolas
Sneha Anand	Julian Figueroa	Andreas Psillos
Abdon Andahur	Sam Fred	Mukund Ramakrishnan
Chaequan Anderson	Russell Greenberg	Timothy Reeves
Edward Bershad	Sarah Gunther	Anna Rehberg
Janet Beshai	Kenna Heim	Emma Rentzel
Kaitln Burnett	Dan Howells	Kat Rich
Jordan Calderon	Caitlyn Huetz	Joe Schmidt
Andrew Chan	Edan Jeanlouis	Will Scott
Javera Chaudhry	Ryan Kalin	Sidarth
Ezra Chechik	Gavin Kim	Sonia Sinha
Kai Cleary	Rebecca Kornhaber	Colin Smith
Elena Cuesta	Theresa Lanzetta	Shannon Solazzo
Jessica Currao	Natalie Ligotino	Dustin Symonette
Tal Daan	Musiq Lindquist	Ethan Tran
Byron De Leon	Arron Little	Michael Trujillo
Kira de Olivera	Inessa Martins	Samuel Tunkel
Ethan Del Valle	Sean Masino	Romulo Vite
Sharanya Devarakonda	Clara Melvin	Sydney Forrester Wilson
Croix Ellison	Cape Miele	Alex Yedidia

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**CICELY TYSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF PERFORMING  
AND FINE ARTS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR**

**FIRST-YEARS:**

Eva Benjamin  
Jasmine Bunche  
Semai Graham  
Malia Hardy  
Timaiah Marshall  
BrSy'nae Martinez  
Prince McLeod  
Abigail RiSa'tara'nae  
Thomas-Matthews  
Mickerson Volcy  
Sa'tara Williams  
Lonshellise Woodruff

**SOPHOMORES:**

Sahar Batemon  
Shaune Elliot

Kayla Fagan  
J'kiah Green  
Mattison Jacques  
Corry Jones  
J'kiah Livingston  
Jaenaha Lloyd  
Orin Ogle  
Shakyah Webster

**JUNIORS:**

Michelle Boone  
Eleisha Cobb  
Djordyn Mobley  
Keanna Phillips  
Marquis Phillips  
Bryan Rodriguez  
Tanijah Vernon

**SENIORS:**

Younica Deriner  
Makya DeWitt  
Talib Dismuke  
Jaylen Dukes  
Jahnay Ibukun  
Elijah Johnson  
Massai Lawson  
Zyeajia Moore  
Zayynah Muhammad  
Naomi Pierce-Allen  
Zaranah Smith  
Rael Taverz  
Sumayyah Vandyke

**Concluding Remarks**

Dean Jason Geary, Mason Gross School of the Arts



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