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
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
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
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
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

JUNIORS:
Kayla Fagan
J’kiah Green
Mattison Jacques
Corry Jones
J’kiah Livingston
Jaenaha Lloyd
Orin Ogle
Shakyah Webster
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 Taverez
Sumayyah Vandyke

Concluding Remarks
Dean Jason Geary, Mason Gross School of the Arts

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