

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION



WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 2024

Armstrong Student Center,
Wilks Theatre

550 E. Spring St., Oxford, OH

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M MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 4:30 pm to 6:45 pm

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Miami University is located within the traditional homelands of the Myaamia and Shawnee people, who along with other indigenous groups ceded these lands to the United States in the first Treaty of Greenville in 1795. The Miami people, whose name our university carries, were forcibly removed from these homelands in 1846.

In 1972, a relationship between Miami University and the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma began and evolved into a reciprocal partnership, including the creation of the Myaamia Center at Miami University in 2001. The work of the Myaamia Center serves the Miami Tribe community and is dedicated to the revitalization of Miami language and culture and to restoring that knowledge to the Myaamia people.

Miami University and the Miami Tribe are proud of this work and of the more than 140 Myaamia students who have attended Miami since 1991 through the Myaamia Heritage Award Program.

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Community Silent March at Martin Luther King Jr. Park

5:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Program

6:30 AM - 6:45 PM

Art Exhibit Viewing and Light Reception

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PROGRAM

Welcome:

Tekeia N. K. Howard
Director of Programming

Land Acknowledgement:

Read by: Cameron Kirk
Undergraduate Student, College of Arts and Science

Opening Remarks:

President Crawford

"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"

Led by: Bennyce Hamilton, Ed.D.
Director of Diversity and Inclusion

Keynote Introduction

M. Cristina Alcalde, Ph.D.
Vice President for Institutional Diversity and Inclusion

"Shirley Chisholm and the Black Freedom Struggle: Protest and
Politics after 1968"

Anastasia Curwood, Ph. D.
Keynote Speaker

Call to Action

Dasha Wood
Director for the Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion

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Presentation of Art Exhibition Winners

Fran Jackson

President, Oxford NAACP

Ann Wengler

Miami University Instructor for Disability Studies

Closing

Tekeia N. K. Howard

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"LIFT EV'RY VOICE" LYRICS

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring.
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

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"LIFT EV'RY VOICE" LYRICS, CONTINUED

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.
