



# Fresh Visions Youth Theatre Company

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"...Where a Powerful Product Meets a Powerful Purpose..."

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*The African American journey in America has inspired millions of people worldwide. Experience the momentous milestone of this journey in this searing and powerful piece about the civil rights movement in:*

## **“Marching to Freedomland” -Giants of the Civil Rights Movement-**

For 2013 the year that marks the 50th anniversary of the Historic “March on Washington,” FreshVisions Youth Theatre Company proudly presents the annual return one of its most highly requested productions, *“Marching to Freedomland-Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”* at FreshVisions’ home theater, The Germantown Theatre Centre, 4821 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia PA. The production will run for nine (9) performances during three (3) weekends. Show dates and times are: **Fridays, Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th and March 7th at 8:00pm;** **Saturdays, Feb. 22nd, March 1st and March 8th at 3:00pm;** **Sundays, Feb. 23rd, March 2nd and March 9th at 3:00pm** Tickets for all performances are **\$15.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children 13 and under.** This show is recommended for children eight and above. For further information, call **267-226-7135.**

*“Marching to Freedomland - Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”* takes a searing and heartfelt look at the quest for African-American freedom during the civil rights era of the 1950's and '60's. Written and directed by Executive Artistic Director Bruce Robinson, winner of the 1998 Barrymore Award for Theatre Excellence in Community Service, this piece spotlights the big and "little" giants that confronted an unwilling nation forcing it to change. It also places a particular emphasis on the important role that young people played in that special time of struggle, sorrow and ultimate victory. In *“Marching to Freedomland - Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”* we meet both the movement's celebrated heroes, as well as the unsung, rarely celebrated, ordinary heroes whose sacrifices, pain and forbearance helped to make the “dream” possible.

The astounding election and re-election of Barack Obama as America’s first mixed-race president is a firm vindication and proof of this remarkable movement’s incredible legacy.. What had been an unbelievable dream 50 years ago when Dr. Martin Luther gave his immortal “I Have A Dream” speech at the “March on Washington D.C.” in 1963 had come to pass. Dr. King’s speech was the highlight of this phenomenal movement that he so symbolized and in

which he, along with countless others, gave their lives for. This historic moment, along with the loss of many our revered icons of the civil rights movement within the past ten years, makes it imperative that we keep remembering, acknowledging, and paying proper homage to the cause in which they embodied....a cause which shook and changed forever not just our country, but the entire world... a cause that still endures.

***“Marching to Freedomland- Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”*** is captivatingly told through dramatic vignettes and dance, with music by famed percussionist Tom Lowery. The performance also features special contribution by FreshVisions' soon to be eighteen year old veteran Indiya N. Glenn as Rosa Parks and Ella Baker and she's join by follow company veteran Sadiq Afif as Dr. Martin Luther King and Stokely Carmichael along with Tahmir Thompson reprising his performance as Malcolm X. It also features professional actress Carol E. Lumford as Mamie Till who additionally serves as costumer for the production. FreshVisions revered elder alumnae and dance director Tanya Scott serves as choreographer with an assist by Indiya N..Glenn

In ***“Marching to Freedomland - Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”*** we are celebrating the special role of the youth; their contributions, their sufferings, and the unique impact they made on the movement. The young, powerful and skilled youth actors of FreshVisions serve as a bridge back to and for their peers, as well as for the rest of us, by tapping into their own strength, fortitude and determination as a reminder of the power the human spirit can accomplish. The unwavering goal is achievement of simple human dignity and equality in spite of the most inhuman and seemingly insurmountable of obstacles.

***“Marching to Freedomland - Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”*** reveals and uplifts as it educates and entertains. It is a must-see event for the entire family.