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# **Fresh Visions Youth Theatre Company**

*Transforming Kids and Communities Through the Arts™*

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***A new year, a new decade, and the first anniversary  
of the election of this country's first black president...***

***Experience, the events and foundation leading up to this  
incredible milestone in the African American journey, through  
a searing and powerful piece about the civil rights movement:***

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

The FreshVisions Youth Theatre Company proudly presents, for Black History Month, one of its most highly requested productions, ***“Marching to Freedomland-Giants of the Civil Rights Movement”*** at FreshVisions’ home theater, The Germantown Theatre Center, 4821 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia PA. The production will run for 6 performances, two weekends, Show dates and times are: **Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm; Saturday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm; Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm, will be a special show/reception fundraiser for \$25.00 per person.** The remaining shows are **Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm; Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm** and the final show, **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.** Tickets for all performances, **with the exception of the Sunday, Feb.28<sup>th</sup> fundraiser,** are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (12 and under). This piece suggested for children ages 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 late 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.

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 a “dream” possible. It places a particular emphasis on the important role that young people played in that special time of struggle, sorrow and ultimate victory.

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The amazing election of Barack Obama as America's first African American president is the final vindication and proof of this remarkable movement. What had been an unbelievable dream, the stuff of fantasy and fiction almost 50 years ago when Dr. Martin Luther gave his immortal "I Have A Dream" speech at the "March on Washington D.C." in 1963, has come to pass. His speech was the highlight of this phenomenal movement that he so symbolized and which he, along with countless others, gave his life for. Now, more than ever, because of this historic time we're experiencing; and as we lose more and more of our revered icons of the civil rights movement, such as Rosa Parks and Mrs. Coretta Scott King--just within the past few years--it is imperative that we keep remembering, acknowledging and paying proper homage to them and the cause which they embodied; a cause which shook and changed forever not just our country but an entire world--a cause that endures.

***"Marching to Freedomland-Giants of the Civil Rights Movement"*** is captivatingly told through dramatic vignette, and dance, with music by famed percussionist/drummer, Tom Lowery. It also features special appearances by FreshVisions' veteran professional actress and choreographer, Briana Bailey as "Rosa Parks;" Carol E. Lumford as Mamie Till and Fanny Lou Hamer; and also starring veteran young adult performer Justin Coffey as Martin Luther King, Jr.

In ***"Marching to Freedomland-Giants of the Civil Rights Movement"*** we celebrate the special role of the young, their contributions; the sufferings; and unique impact they made on the movement. The young, powerful and skilled youth actors of FreshVisions' serve as a bridge back for their peers, and for the rest of us by tapping into their own strength, fortitude and determination as a reminder of what the power of the human spirit can accomplish when the clear and 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, uplifts and educates as it entertains. It is a must-see event for the whole family.