

Bios of Project Personnel

Darius Wallace (Performer)

Phil Darius Wallace is a native of Flint , Michigan where he was introduced to the world of performing. He attended Interlochen Arts Academy where he studied theater. He went on to further his studies at SUNY Purchase in New York. His professional experience includes: Michigan Shakespeare festival, Flint Youth Theater, Attic theater and Hattiloo theater. He is currently a company member of Playhouse on the Square, and Voices of the South In Memphis TN. His Movie and TV credits include: "Nothing But The Truth", "Queen Rising", "Damaged Goods", "Brian Banks", " The World We Make", "Law and Order", "Law and Order SVU", ABC's "Nashville", NBC's "Bluff City Law", and "The Hallmark Channel's Wedding At Grace Land". Frederick Douglass! The Lion of Freedom is a One Man Show on the life of the great Abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Lilli Lewis (Performer)

Athens, Georgia native turned New Orleans FolkRockDiva, Lilli Lewis is an award-winning performing artist who displays "storytelling with transformative empathy and classically trained poise." (Jewly Hight, NPR.org.) Lewis has been Lauded by NPR, Rolling Stone, and Offbeat Magazine, and her most recent release All Is Forgiven, is out now on Righteous Babe Records. With her soul/gospel sound she brings a message of social justice and "radical decency". She has given a tiny desk concert on PBS. According to her web site LILLI LEWIS IS

1. A SQUISHY HUMANIST / UNIVERSAL DIGNITY ENTHUSIAST WHO LOVES PIANOS
2. A CREATOR OF #ORANGEMUSIC-DISTANT, MORE SOBER COUSIN OF THE BLUES
3. SINGER OF SONGS "FOR THE PEOPLE" WHO SOMETIMES LIKES TO GET LOUD ABOUT IT.
4. SINGER/COMPOSER OF RARE GRACE AND GRIT.

Douglas Hahn (Organizer)

Douglas Hahn is a retired Episcopal Clergy. He has a number of experiences linking youth to current social issues. His doctoral project involved helping youth integrate faith to social justice issues. He has involved students in "Kids4Peace" and Emory University's "Youth Theological Institute". He led student learning events of Appalachian life, urban poverty, and homelessness.

Since retirement he has volunteered with Lexington Parks and Recreation programs with disabled youth and adults; taught courses in racial justice through the University of Kentucky OLLI program; and coordinated the community education course "Wholly Holy" along with a variety of disability advocates.

Rising Artists

Rio Kawishima, violinist is an upcoming senior 11 at Lafayette High School. HFAS sponsored her at Brevard Summer institute. A student of Daniel Mason, she has performed with SCAPA and CKYO.

Praneeth Korrapolu, Violinist is a rising senior at Dunbar High School. HFAS sponsored him at the Ascent Chamber Festival. He has been in CKYO, All State Orchestra, and Governors School for the Arts

Hadley Roach, Musical theater performer, is a rising senior at Lafayette High School. HFAS sponsored her at Artsbridge summer theater intensive. She has been a frequent performer with LEX Theater Company and SCAPA of Bluegrass.