

Reggie Harris Folk Concerts

A well-traveled performer, lecturer and cultural ambassador, Reggie has earned wide acclaim and respect from peers and audiences alike throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and around the world.

He combines spirituals and roots music, historic inspiration, and moving original songs, often in the themes of unity and social justice. Knowing this, **audiences have bestowed upon him a fitting slogan: “Songs of Joy, Hope, and Freedom.”**

A songwriter of great depth and passion, Reggie writes from a personal sense of mission that merges a world view full of wisdom with a singularly hopeful stance that life, though often challenging, is filled with possibility and hope. His songs reveal thoughts about life and love and some of the deep aspects of the human experience, and cover topics ranging from his own personal journey to world issues and history.

A natural collaborator and an infinitely creative musician, Reggie invigorates his solo touring with occasional partners. Checking his calendar, you will find performances with musicians who share his passion for musical interplay and improvisation such as Pat Victor, Greg Greenway, Scott Ainslie, David Roth and others.

Another new venture, called “All About the Drum” has Reggie teaming up with **percussionists Cheryl Prashker (of Runa) and Brian Melick** for a show that infuses the improvisational nature of song, percussion, storytelling and audience involvement into a fun new frame.

Reggie Harris Storytelling Concerts

A truly gifted and inspiring storyteller, Reggie’s storytelling ranges from the historical, cultural base of the Underground Railroad and the Modern Civil Rights Movement to stories that frame the rich context of our American past and present. He is also a master of sharing inspiring personal tales of lessons learned in the twists and turns along life’s moments of discovery.

Reggie Harris – Educational Offerings

Music and the Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad is one of the most important chapters in American History. This engaging, interactive concert of songs, stories and narratives about slavery and the quest for freedom reveals the hope, power and eventually, the triumph that was accomplished by shared by a network of multicultural allies. Through song, story, audience involvement and a multi-media presentation, Music and the Underground Railroad provides an understanding of the secrets and passion of this powerful era.

(Multimedia, K-6, 6-8)

Dream Alive: A Celebration of Black History

The stories of people such as Harriet Tubman and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have become a familiar part of the study of American History. The accomplishments of other significant African-Americans, from every walk of life and field of endeavor, are not as well known.

Dream Alive, a multi-media presentation, brings to light these artists, educators, inventors, explorers, scientists, poets, and other important contributors to the life and culture of America and the world.

(Multimedia, K-12)

One Family/One Planet

One Family/One Planet is a fun, entertaining and thoughtful look at friendship, ecology, tolerance and freedom, topics that are important to people all over the world. In songs, stories and audience involvement, Reggie explores the world of friendships, recycling, and water conservation and celebrates the diversity that makes the earth such a wonderful home.

(Environmental, AIE or Family Entertainment events)

Freedom Songs and the Civil Rights Movement

With recent 50-year remembrances of the Modern Civil Rights movement, and ongoing activism, Reggie has begun working with classroom groups and assembly programs for students, to address this history. Drawing upon his extensive visits to sites in Alabama, Mississippi, and Memphis, this program incorporates a strong storytelling segment alongside music and meaning of the movement. Students of all ages and backgrounds are given an opportunity for discussion and reflection on race, slavery/human trafficking and justice issues in today's world.

Additional Assembly Programs

- Freedom Songs and the Civil Rights Movement (adapts to K-12 and college)
- Seminars and Symposiums for College and High School

Professional Development for Educators

Sing to Freedom: Music & Stories of the Underground Railroad

This proven in-service workshop offers a "hands on – classroom ready" historical and musical workshop on the Underground Railroad. Teachers receive valuable tools for building the knowledge base of students through effective art based curriculum connected lessons designed to open classroom study to a more vibrant exploration of history, music and language. Copies of their highly praised CD "Steal Away," and an extensive teaching guide are included.

Freedom Songs of the Civil Rights Movement

For Teachers of Grades 3-8

In this upbeat workshop Kim and Reggie Harris share ways to teach about the history of African-American's struggle for equal rights. Explore how music and storytelling can be used to extend students understanding of the freedom movement, from the Underground Railroad through the modern Civil Rights era.

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