

# Reggie Harris

## **#1 Virtual/Online Performance Title:** Music and the Underground Railroad

**Conditions:** School/Venue must organize and administer event; Call to discuss further details

### **Technology/Software:**

- Call to discuss platforms
- Pre-recorded concert with live text chat while concert airs
- Pre-recorded concert only
- Live online programs available
- **Live online Q&A can follow pre-recorded event**
- **Additional live online Q&A event available**

### **Description:**

#### **For K-8<sup>th</sup> Grades, Family and Community Audiences**

The Underground Railroad is one of the most important chapters in American History. This engaging 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 a network of multicultural allies. Music and the Underground Railroad provides an understanding of the secrets and passion of this powerful era and an understanding of the use of song to communicate information during this powerful era of American history.

**Curriculum Connections:** Social studies, cultural geography, history, music, storytelling, literary, language arts

## **#2 Virtual/Online Performance Title:** How Martin Climbed the Mountain!

Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/452762352>

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### **Description:**

#### **For K-12<sup>th</sup> Grades, Family and Community Audiences**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream, but he did not dream alone. This program honors the African American artists, poets, educators, inventors, explorers, scientists and other important contributors to the life and culture of America and the world who influenced and informed the work of Dr. King. Using stories and music, Reggie highlights how the contributions of Frederick

Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Benjamin Banneker, Satchel Paige and others helped young Martin become a man who added to the fabric of our nation and who changed the world.

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**#3 Virtual/Online Performance Title:** School and Community Residencies and Workshops  
- Call for details

**#4 Virtual/Online Performance Title:** Adult Community Concerts  
- Call for details

## **NEW “Family Revealed” – A Story of History and Hope**

America is often said to be a melting pot. But our national history more resembles a tapestry quilt with our various cultures and ethnic backgrounds mixed and mingled into a multicolored field of life experiences.

Our history, too often unknown, ignored, or denied, is filled with stories of pain, oppression and struggle, with the possibility of progress sidetracked by ignorance, lies and privilege. But through the lens of awareness and uncovered narratives we can, by acknowledging what is true, begin to develop a new sense of relationship that offers new context and solutions to tackle present day issues of race, division and inclusion. We can start to realize the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called us to recognize and that the poet Maya Angelou described in her poem “On the Pulse of Mornings.”

It is through this lens that Musician / Storyteller Reggie Harris, a descendant of a slave, Bibhanna, and her master, General Williams Carter Wickham, provides a unique, entertaining and inspiring look at WHAT WE **CAN** BE when we face the truth with open hearts and minds. It’s an engaging American story that started on a plantation in Ashland, VA ... *Hickory Hill*.

Join Reggie Harris on this fascinating journey as he uses his extraordinary gifts to bring his blossoming relationship with his White cousins to life... descendants of the same ancestor... one family... in the context of a nation on the brink of change.

**It’s a timely and poignant modern day story of truth, reconnection and hope.**

Harris appears on CNN Anchor Don Lemon's weekly podcast SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION in the feature **"Monumental Conversations."** Lemon interviews Reggie and his white cousin as they grapple with their family's complex history and bear witness to the toppling of the statue of their ancestor, Confederate General Williams Clayton Wickham.

Reggie and his cousin were also interviewed for a recent The New York Times' article.

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## **“Songs of Hope & Freedom”**

The Modern Civil Rights Movement was inspired by song!! From 1619 to the March on Washington to Ferguson, Charlottesville and beyond, songs like Eyes On the Prize, Wade in the Water, Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Round, We Shall Overcome, Oh Freedom, This Little Light of Mine have framed the struggle for freedom.

These were the anthems that got people out to vote... that gave people the strength to protest, march and stand strong against brutality... to endure fire hoses, police dogs and

oppression. These were the songs that kept a community of people together to exercise their rights as US citizens in the face of the long struggle for human rights.

They sang, "Well, I never been to Heaven but I think I'm right... And I don't' wanna go without my voting rights!

Noted singer, songwriter, song leader, activist and John F Kennedy Center educator Reggie Harris brings these songs and their history alive in his presentation "Songs of Hope and Freedom!" Hear about the past... celebrate and work our future!!

### **"Deeper Than the Skin" (with Greg Greenway)**

*Reggie joins his friend Greg Greenway in a profoundly moving evening of deep sharing. "It was riveting, poignant, joyful... exquisite timing, careful phrasing, and the stellar musicianship and storytelling; as craft, the evening was remarkable."* The Eighth Step at Proctors

- Call for details about platform and fee