

Press Release

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ARTS GROUPS JOIN TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT WITH THE ARTS: A CONCERT IN CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Knoxville, TN – Dec. 20, 2018– The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra in collaboration with several other arts groups will present ***A Night with the Arts: A Celebration Concert in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*** on **Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tennessee Theatre.** [View Facebook event.](#)

This concert, **free and open to the public**, is sponsored by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission of Greater Knoxville and with support from Knox County Commissioner Evelyn Gill. **No tickets are required to attend this free performance.**

The concert's theme is "**The Courage to Lead with a Greater Determination.**" **KSO Resident Conductor James Fellenbaum** conducts the Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra joined by the Celebration Choir directed by **Aaron Staple**. The performance will include drama, spoken word and digital stories woven throughout the concert by members of the Carpetbag Theatre, Inc., directed by **Linda Parris-Bailey**. The Celebration Choir will perform gospel songs including "We Shall Overcome." Other musical selections include music from Antonin Dvorak and Richard Rodgers' "Climb Every Mountain" from *The Sound of Music*.

About the MLK Commemorative Commission

Since 1982, the MLK Commission has been organizing a special celebration each year for the Knoxville area to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The week-long celebration focuses on providing education and leadership training for adults and youth and promotes reconciliation through peaceful conflict resolution. Part of the celebration also includes stories of racial struggles with emphasis on non-violence, equality, and love.

About the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra

Led by Music Director Aram Demirjian, the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra consists of 80 professional musicians and performs 300 programs throughout the region each season, reaching audiences of more than 200,000 people. The KSO performs in traditional venues such as the Tennessee Theatre, Bijou Theatre and the Civic Auditorium as well as non-traditional places like hospitals, schools, city parks and churches. For more information regarding the KSO, please visit www.knoxvillesymphony.com or call 865-291-3310.

Social Media Posts

Twitter: [@KnoxSymphony](https://twitter.com/KnoxSymphony) presents "Night with the Arts" - **A Concert in Celebration of MLK – FREE & open to the public.** Carpetbag Theatre, Celebration Choir, powerful music celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, Jan. 20, @ 6:00 PM, @tntheatre.

Facebook/Instagram: The [Knoxville Symphony Orchestra](https://www.facebook.com/KnoxvilleSymphonyOrchestra) will presents "Night with the Arts" - **A Concert in Celebration of MLK – FREE & open to the public.** Sunday, Jan. 20, @ 6:00 PM, @tntheatre. "If you can't fly, the run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl; but whatever you do, you have to keep it moving" - MLK, Jr. #symphony #ksorocks #MLKDay

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