



# BEVERLY ARTS CENTER

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### **Beverly Arts Center Presents: "1619: The Journey of a People" - A Powerful Musical Experience**

**Chicago, IL - June 26, 2024** - The Beverly Arts Center is thrilled to announce its latest production, "1619: The Journey of a People," a multi-disciplinary theater experience commemorating the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in America. This poignant production will run on August 11 at 3 PM, August 17 at 2 PM, and August 18 at 3 PM.

"1619: The Journey of a People" takes audiences on an evocative journey through history, portrayed by three modern characters who navigate a series of compelling performance pieces. This dynamic cast of singers, actors, spoken word artists, and dancers explores the profound legacy of America's African descendants, reflecting on the past while addressing critical contemporary social issues.

Audiences of all ages will find themselves inspired and challenged as they witness the resilience and triumphs of America's African sons and daughters. The production serves as a powerful reminder that greatness often emerges from adversity, offering a narrative that is both educational and emotional.

Tickets for "1619: The Journey of a People" are available now and can be purchased through the Beverly Arts Center box office or online at [website]. Don't miss this unforgettable theatrical event that promises to leave a lasting impact.

#### **Show Dates and Times:**

- August 11: 3:00 PM
- August 17: 2:00 PM
- August 18: 3:00 PM

***For more information,** please contact Ceciley R. Akins - Associate Director, Development and Marketing*

**About Beverly Arts Center:** The Beverly Arts Center is a vibrant and multifaceted not-for-profit organization serving the Chicago metro area with high-quality programs in dance, visual arts, music, film and theater. The 40,000 square foot space houses a 400-seat theatre, art gallery, exhibition spaces, music and dance studios, art classrooms and event rental spaces including a courtyard and light-filled atrium. Founded in 1967 and located in Chicago's historic Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood, the BAC is also home to an extensive community outreach program.



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