

About the Actor



Eunice Lewis-Seagraves

made her stage debut with the national touring company of the Broadway play *The Wiz*, understudying the roles of “Aunt Em” and “Glinda” the Good Witch. She

also sang as an orchestral voice in the show. In the intervening years, she left the stage to marry and raise two beautiful children. During this time she continued to sing, perform at private engagements, in classical groups and as a member of an R & B Band. Eunice recently returned to the stage as “Aunt Katie” and “Harriett Tubman” in the play *Roots of My People*, and “Ruth,” *The Great Pretender*. Acting and singing have been life-long passions of hers and she’s grateful to God for the opportunity to share her gifts. Eunice finds encouragement and comfort in the following scriptures: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me- Philippians 4:13 & He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty- Psalms 91:1.

About the Theater

Heralds of Hope Theater’s Vision Statement:

Heralds of Hope Theatre Company creates performing arts opportunities of social significance for culturally diverse populations.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Heralds of Hope Theater Company is to enrich the lives of those within the community by sustaining the tradition of theater and contribute to its future viability and vitality. We accomplish our mission through the following:

1. Educate, train, and develop people of all ages and abilities in all aspects of theater;
2. Produce work that reflects, draws upon and enriches the Baltimore and Washington Metropolitan area.
3. Produce socially significant plays;
4. Produce and perform new playwrights works;
5. Produce stimulating and intellectually provocative theatrical work at a high level of professional competence.



Presents

Harriet Tubman: Defender *Written & Directed By Percy W. Thomas*



***Portrayed By
Eunice Lewis Seagraves***

About the Play:

This one-woman play depicts Harriet Tubman at the age of 50 reflecting back on her childhood memories, and proclaiming her future. She will share with you her life as a child born into slavery, coming of age in slavery in her twenties, and her daring escape to freedom on the mythical, Underground Railroad. It reveals a courageous woman who set out against all odds to escape from slavery and when she learned that the Underground Railroad was a myth, it did not deter this spirited woman from confronting her fears and under the darkness of night running north to freedom.

In this play, we hear Araminta Ross as a child, adolescent, and young adult develop a firebrand persona befitting the name Defender. It is her early experiences in childhood that is the catalyst for her emergence as one of the most famous Underground Railroad Conductors. Over a ten-year period, as a Conductor on the Underground Railroad, she made nineteen trips back across the Mason Dixon line, into Maryland to help three hundred slaves escape to freedom in the north.

Through narrative, song, and visual projections, we experience both pain and elation of Harriet's being freed from the binds of slavery, and how she became undoubtedly one of the most famous women, in the history of the United States of America.



To Book the Show Contact:

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SPECIAL EVENTS & FUND RAISERS

This performance can be scaled to fit the size of any venue, including in-home/parlor events. The timing can be 45 minutes or the full 2-hour production. Both times include a 15 minute Q&A at the end of the performance.

SCHOOLS:

45 minute presentation, for schools, includes a Teachers Guide that connects to the themes covered in the performance. Cost: \$500.

ORGANIZATIONS:

The full 2 hour performance cost is based on a per person rate of \$25. Organizations must contract to pay at least \$1000.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

All cancellations must be received by Email and sent to atheraldsofhopetheater.com. Cancellations must be made at least four (4) weeks in advance to receive a full refund. Events cancelled less than 4 weeks prior to the scheduled date of the performance will forfeit the required deposit, which is 25% of the minimum cost.

Donations

Heralds of Hope Theater

is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated in the state of Maryland. Most of the theater's revenue comes from workshops, performances, and personal donations. We have also been fortunate to be the recipients of a grant from the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

If you would like to make a donation, sponsor an event, or volunteer to support the theater, we welcome the participation of adults and children of all ages. The theater is a wonderful place to find and express your life's purpose.

For donations: please make your payment payable to:

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