



Our PROPOSAL

"A Tribute to our Freedom Fighters" highlights several of the most unforgettable leaders in history who have contributed to the fight for racial and social justice and equality throughout our times. Incredible portrayals of historical figures such as Canadian heroes and heroines: Mary-Anne Shad, John Ware, Marie Angelique, whose love was not bound by the borders of race, as well as Sir John Graves Simcoe, who was a Canadian who understood the rights of all men and women. Caribbean activist Marcus Garvey, American activist, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Nat Turner, just to name a few. This production also includes the sweet sounds of cultural songs and the compelling intrigue of interpretive dance, as well as the thought-provoking medium of the spoken word.

Genesis Advance Performing Arts Society (GAPAS) is excited to present: **Freedom Fighters "In the Mind of a Child"**. A thought-provoking engaging rendition of "A Tribute to Our Freedom Fighters", written and directed by Shadrock Porter which is a production. This remarkable and entertaining anthology of young minds, ages 5 to 14 years old, is a must see. The talent, passion, and the understanding of our Canadian history are all in a one package. This year make Freedom Fighters "In the Mind of a Child" part of your Black History curriculum.

About GAPAS

Genesis Advance Performing Arts Society (GAPAS), was founded by Shadrock Porter, the Dora Mavor Moore Award winner, playwright, director, singer, and actor, who also wrote and produced many spectacular productions. Shadrock Porter is well known for his creation "Shadow of the Slaves" a theatrical play honouring Canada for being a haven for slaves during the era of the underground railroad. This production made its mark at the Harbour Front Theatre. He is also known for "The Journey", a sold-out musical production in New York, London and Toronto, just to name a few locations.

GAPAS believes that the value of the Arts is immeasurable and highly educational. As a result, GAPAS offers both education and entertainment to all its local and international communities. Founded in 2005 and recognised in 2006 as the first organization to proclaim "Black History Month" in the municipality of Brampton, Ontario, GAPAS has worked with numerous community establishments to bring visualization to history and culture through the arts. We welcome you to visit our website www.thegapas.com for more information about our events, programs, and performances.

GAPAS is a registered not-for-profit organisation in Canada and the USA and have performed in communities as far as London, England.



Some **VENUES**

Here is a list of some venues that we performed at:

- EyeSeeMe, Missouri, USA
- The White Elephant, Toronto
- CHRY Radio, Toronto
- Emerson Performance Centre
- Maja Prentice Theatre
- Peel United Cultural Partners
- Elder's Mills Public School
- Harbour Front Centre
- Julliard Public School
- Yorkwoods Library Theatre
- The Accord Centre
- Malton Neighbourhood Services
- Brampton City Hall
- Cyril Clark Library Theatre
- Chinguacousy Wellness Centre
- INWWM Cultural Centre
- London, England
- Harlem, New York
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Atlanta, Georgia

For More **INFORMATION**

We are currently accepting bookings for 2019 where the GAPAS cast and crew will come to your establishment to setup and perform **Freedom Fighters "In the Mind of a Child"**.
Duration: 1 hour and 30 minutes.

Contact Us Now for Bookings:

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Ms. Harriette Bennett
Business Manager
Genesis Academy of Performing Arts

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Dear Ms. Harriette Bennett,

On behalf of Elder's Mills Public School, I would like to express our sincere thank you to you, your troupe of young actors and production team for bringing your presentation *In the Mind of a Child* to our school on February 29 as part of our study and celebration of the history, struggle and accomplishments of Black Freedom Fighters through the ages. We were impressed by the talent and voice that these children and youth actors demonstrated as they truly exemplified RISE's motto of "Youth Leadership by Example."

The presentation has prompted deeper discussion amongst our students and staff as illustrated in the questions and answer session afterwards. Our students and staff came away with a better understanding of the need for pathways for youth voice and engagement to ensure a brighter, inclusive future and social justice for all.

We would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Grant, parents at our school, for being instrumental in bringing this presentation to our school as part of our celebration of the contributions of both African Canadians and Americans to our society.

Going forward, I wish you and your organization continued success in your social justice and activism work.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Walke, Principal

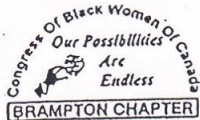


Peel United Cultural Partners



February 23, 2007

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On behalf of Peel United Cultural Partners (United Achievers, Sisserou Cultural Club, The Congress of Black Women of Canada (Brampton Chapter) thank you very much for taking the time to once again perform at our 2007 Black History Celebration.

It was truly enjoyable to watch your presentation; and we look forward to your continued support next year.

Yours truly,

PEEL UNITED CULTURAL PARTNERS



Patricia Challenger-Brade
Chair

"Working Together For Our Community"



Garnett Manning

City Councillor
Wards 9 & 10

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City of Brampton

February 1st, 2006

Genesis Spiritual & Cultural Organisation of Brampton

I would like to send my warmest wishes and congratulations on the Launch of Black History Month.

I hope all your endeavours are accomplished and one can only hope that your desire to continue giving to the community will endure. May your presence and work within our community, and beyond, continue to be a comfort and strength.

Please accept my thanks for your leadership and your outreach.

Yours truly,

Garnett Manning
City Councillor, Wards 9 & 10



MALTON NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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March 6, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: The Genesis Academy of Performing Arts

The Genesis Academy of Performing Arts performed for our community service organization on February 28, 2007. This performance was part of our Black History Month celebration.

This group performed at a highly professional level. The diverse audience made up of adults and children, black people, white and Indian people all enjoyed their brilliant production. The production was educational yet emotional, historical but with messages that are applicable today. It was inspirational for young people as well as the adult audience.

The members of the Genesis Academy of Performing Arts behaved in a very efficient and business-like manner throughout the months that we communicated prior to the show. They were punctual and reliable in all the interactions I had with them.

If the opportunity presented itself in the future, I would not hesitate to book them again for one of our special events.

Yours truly,

Joyce Temple-Smith
Executive Director