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Mical Whitaker’s ‘Behold: Here Cometh The Dreamer’ on MLK’s Birthday

Georgia Theater Hall of Fame member Mical Whitaker brings “Behold: Here Cometh the Dreamer” to the Emma Kelly Theater January 15 at 7:30 p.m.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Whitaker has lined up some of the area's most distinctive young voices to celebrate the life and words of iconic African American poets including Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, Nikki Giovanni and Jill Scott. The evening will be an inspirational evening of enjoyment and exploration of African-American poetry and promises to be a stirring tribute to the late civil rights leader on what would have been his 92nd birthday.

The featured speaker is Dr. Stacy Smallwood, an Associate Professor of Community Health in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and an affiliate faculty in the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies program at Georgia Southern University.

Exclusively sponsored by Attorney Francys Johnson, Davis Bozeman Johnson Law and hosted by Dr. Meca Williams-Johnson and Ressie Fuller, the performance is sure to delight and inspire. In its sixth year, the evening of poetry and prose showcases the history, legacy, and freedoms that were, at one time, one man’s seemingly impossible dream. But, according to Whitaker, African-American women have played as much or more of a role in the arena of social change.

At press time, performers were Jayla Lawton, Jade Scott, Frankie Smith and McKenzie Harpe.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for Averitt members, members of the military, first responders and City of Statesboro employees and \$8 for youth. Due to the ongoing threat of COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines, seating is very limited. There are also no on-line sales. To purchase tickets, please visit the Averitt Center Box Office at 33 East Main Street or call (912) 212-2787.

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