

MLK CELEBRATION

Sunday January 26, 2025, at 2pm

Nicholas Music Center

[As of: January 8, 2025](#)

Preliminary Program

- Host: Naia Edmonds (BA 2025)
- Speakers:
 - Welcome – Associate Dean MJ
 - Scholar – President Jonathon Holloway
- Theme:
 - **Coretta Scott King**
 - As the founder of the King Center, architect of Dr. King's legacy, and lifelong activist for human rights, peace and social change, Mrs. King was among the most prominent leaders of our time.
 - Although Mrs. King devoted much of her time to raising her 4 children, she deftly balanced motherhood and movement work as the King family home often served as the center of activity for strategy meetings. Mrs. King regularly participated in those meetings providing necessary feedback and encouragement.
 - As a classically trained vocalist, in the mid-fifties and early-sixties, Mrs. King performed "Freedom Concerts" as a fundraising mechanism to be used to cover bail for arrested participants of the movement.
- Art & Design:
 - Painting student, Aspyn Lee, will create an artist book/'zine event.
- Dance:
 - Visiting professor Shakia "The Key" Barron will choreograph a contemporary work featuring a dozen students.
- Filmmaking:
 - Short documentary about Mrs. King by Selma Mehmedagic
- Music:
 - Jazz Ensemble: repertoire TBD
 - Alumnus Sonya Headlam (*hopefully*): repertoire TBD
 - Cicely Tyson school choir returns to sing a few selections and ending with *Happy Birthday* by Stevie Wonder
- Theater:
 - Performing short scene dramatizing the initial telephone conversation between Martin and Coretta featuring Mercedes Robinson (CSK) and Daryel Monson (MLK).