

Voices of Woodlawn

~ *A reckoning by four poets with America's slave-holding past* ~



“Royalty” -- Artwork by Diane Wilbon Parks

A West Coast Premier

Hosted by Musical Guest Benjamin Mertz

~ In Celebration of the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ~
and Black History Month

Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 5 pm Pacific Time US

For the links to this virtual performance, send an email to
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*During this 90-minute soul-searching program, the Voices of Woodlawn poets give voice to the erased lives of slaves at Woodlawn, a Fairfax, Virginia, USA plantation that is now a historic estate. **Benjamin Mertz** hosts this special gathering and offers songs from the Black Spiritual tradition. Maryland Poets **Diane Wilbon Parks, Patrick Washington, Sylvia Dianne “Ladi Di” Beverly and Hiram Larew** confront the sadness, anger, injustice and confusion of such a past and its haunting legacy. **Cliff Bernier** joins the group to play the harmonic in this powerfully unsettling program of witness.*



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