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Belfast Free Library
Re: Peace and Justice Film

To commemorate Black History Month, the Peace and Justice Group of Waldo County and the Belfast Free library are co-sponsoring an original musical play called "The Moment Was Now". The virtual show will be presented on Tuesday, February 8th, at 6 pm and can be accessed by registering for the zoom link at <https://belfastlibrary.org/virtual-programs/>.

Participants will be sent a separate link to view the film on Tuesday February 8th. All are encouraged to join the conversation on Zoom with the playwright Gene Bruskin following the film.

This edited film of a live show that was originally produced to great acclaim in Baltimore and Washington DC, is a musical play that takes place in post civil-war Baltimore in 1869, a turning point in US history when "America almost did the right thing". The play centers on dynamic leaders in the civil rights, economic rights and women's rights movements -Frederick Douglass, Isaac Myers, William Sylvis, Susan B Anthony and Frances Harper- as they struggle with questions that echo the current moment and centers on the impassioned search for unity during Reconstruction. The conflicts and possibilities unfold at a meeting convened by Frederick Douglass and are elevated by the musical and spoken word format.

For more information visit themomentwasnow.com; or belfastlibrary.org.



Frances Harper and Isaac Myer
This still from the film portrays two actors from "The Moment Was Now": Actress Julia Nixon, performing as Frances Harper, an abolitionist, feminist, and African-American poet and teacher and actor Darryl Moch, who also directs the play, performing as Isaac Myers, a Black union organizer from the time of Reconstruction.

For more on the play and the cast, go to themomentwasnow.com.