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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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://themomentwasnow.com); or [belfastlibrary.org](http://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](http://themomentwasnow.com).