

Black History Month

PBS Features Legendary Malcolm X

Documentary shows many facets of leader

He was a political philosopher and visionary, husband and father, dynamic orator and militant minister. In his lifetime, Malcolm X was many men.

Born Malcolm Little, he later became "Detroit Red" and "New York Red" - a hustler, drug pusher, pimp, con man and the head of a Boston robbery ring. After spend-



Malcolm X was known for his confrontation of white oppression.

ing time in prison, he emerged as Minister Malcolm - Malcolm X, the fiery, eloquent spokesman for the Nation of Islam. Finally, he became El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, an internationally rec-

ognized leader and advocate for oppressed peoples. He was both loved and despised, revered and feared - until an assassin's bullet cut him down at age 39.

American Experience marks the 40th anniversary of his death with "Malcolm X - Make It Plain," airing on PBS on Monday, Feb. 21. This in-depth film portrait goes straight to the heart, mind and message of one of the modern era's most complex figures. Actress Alfre Woodard narrates the special.

This film chronicles Malcolm X's remarkable journey from his birth on May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Neb., to his assassination at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City on Feb. 21, 1965.

His compelling story is told through the memories of people who had close personal and working relationships with him: prominent figures such as Maya Angelou, Ossie Davis and Alex

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Haley; Nation of Islam associates, including Wallace D. Muhammad, the son of Elijah Muhammad; and family members, including his wife, Betty Shabazz, and his oldest daughter, Attallah Shabazz. Included is extensive archival footage of Malcolm X, speaking in his own words at meetings and rallies, and in media interviews.

At a time when black civil rights

leaders preached harmony and integration, Malcolm preached a militant gospel of self-defense and nationalism that terrified many whites and disturbed, yet also inspired, black Americans. After his travels to Africa and Mecca, he returned with a deeper understanding of Islam and a new willingness to accept white allies.

"The white man and the black man have to be able to sit down at the same table," he said in his last year. "Then they can bring the issues that are under the rug out on top of the table and take an intelligent approach to getting the problem solved."

In 1965, under attack from the Nation of Islam and under surveillance by the FBI, Malcolm X was assassinated while delivering a speech. Who killed him and why remains a mystery to this day, 40 years after his assassination.

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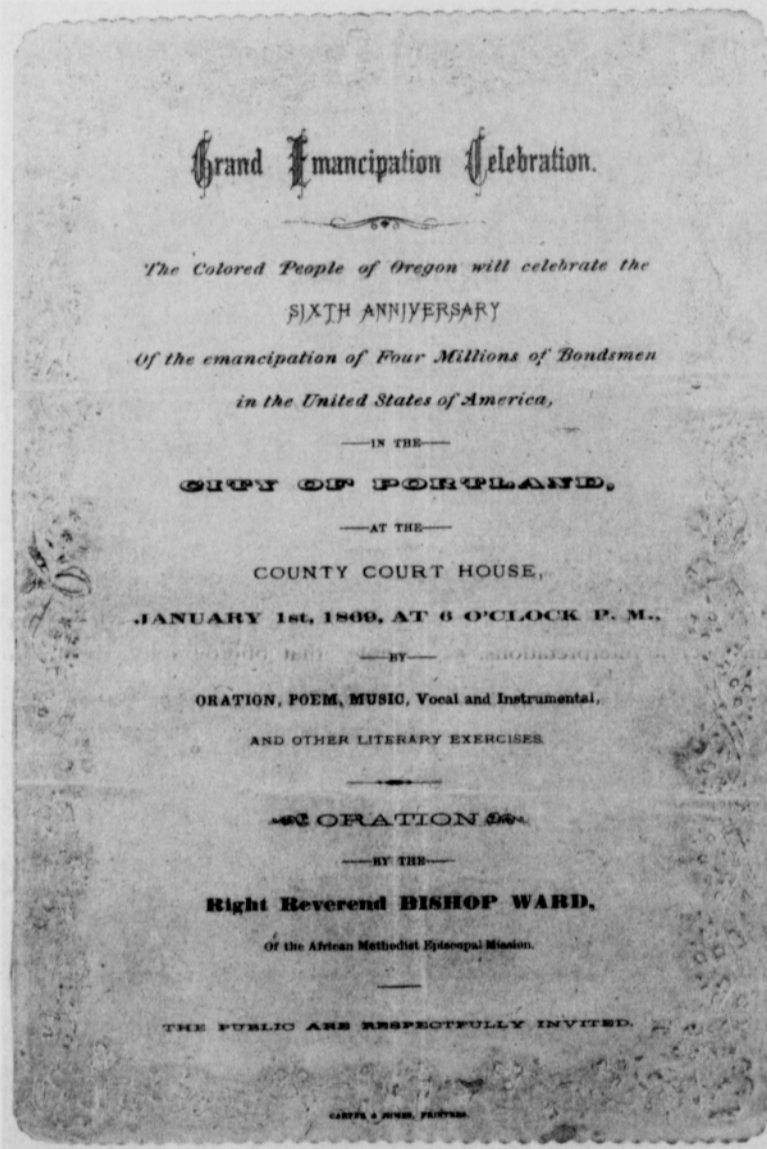
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Celebration of Emancipation



This is a card used to invite "the colored people of Oregon" to a Grand Emancipation Celebration at the Multnomah County Courthouse on the sixth anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the document signed by President Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1863, that declared free all those slaves residing in territory in rebellion against the federal government "as a fit and necessary war measure for suppressing said rebellion."

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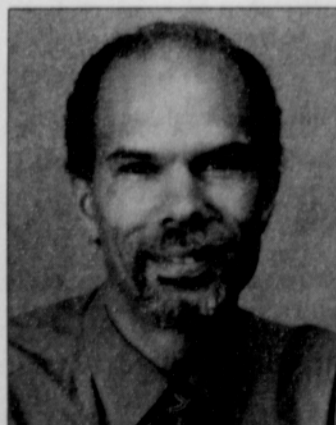
The City of Portland is hosting an outreach event directed to consultants in the following professional services fields: training, public outreach, community involvement, events planning, meeting management and facilitation, writing/editing, mediation and conflict resolution, marketing, strategic planning and graphic design. Meet project managers with the City of Portland and managers from five other Portland-area agencies.

Location: Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th, Second Floor Rm. C.

Date/Time: Thursday, February 24, 2-4pm

RSVP and more information: 823-6860 or 823-5057

Owners of minority, women and emerging small businesses are encouraged to attend.



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Powerful Voice to Visit Sunday

Lewis & Clark College hosts noted author

For more than three decades, Nikki Giovanni has been writing from her heart about civil rights and equality. She describes herself as a black American, a daughter, a mother and a professor of English.

Giovanni will lecture and read from her works at Lewis & Clark College on Sunday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Agnes Flanagan Chapel.

"Nikki Giovanni has modeled a life of achievement and accomplishment for the literary world," said Timmie Roach, president of Lewis & Clark's Black Student Union. "Her writings are not bound by any one genre and her voice has remained fresh through the years. I admire her ability to connect so directly with her readers."

Giovanni is the author of more than two dozen books, including poetry, children's books and essays.

She has received 21 honorary doctorates and numerous other awards, including governors'



Nikki Giovanni

awards in the arts from Tennessee and Virginia. She earned her bachelor's degree from Fisk University. "The Nikki Giovanni Poetry Collection" compact disc was a finalist for the 2003 Grammy Award in the category of spoken word.

The college's Black Student Union sponsors Giovanni's lecture and reading. General admis-

sion tickets are \$8 in advance at the college bookstore or by calling 503-768-7885.

A separately ticketed reception for Giovanni at 6 p.m., immediately before the lecture and reading, will take place in the college's Frank Manor House.

The campus is located at 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Rd. For more information, call 503-768-8125.