



## The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration Committee Needs YOUR Voice!

The theme of this year's 2014 MLK Holiday Celebration is, "We Who Believe In Freedom: Music & Memories of the Civil Rights Movement". Our keynote presenter is the legendary cultural activist/scholar Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon. For more than 45 years, Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon has been a major cultural voice for freedom and justice; singing, teaching – speaking out against racism and racial inequities of all kinds. She is perhaps best known as one of the founding members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Freedom Singers and founder of the women's a capella ensemble, 'Sweet Honey In The Rock'.

For her presentation during the 2014 MLK Holiday Celebration, Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon will come as a "songtalker", one who balances talk and song in the creation of a live performance with those who gather within the sound of her voice. Given the call/response nature of her "songtalk", audience participation is critical.

We are asking you, as a person who sings and appreciates the power of song, to please join us, ready to lift your voice as part of what we know will be an uplifting, memorable tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the spirit of the Civil Rights Movement. No preparation is necessary. Just come ready to celebrate and elevate this great legacy!

This year's celebration will be held on Monday, January 20, at the Lexington Civic Center Heritage Hall with the annual Freedom March at 10:00 a.m. and the Commemorative Program featuring Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon at 11:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing you! Please share this message with other singers and lovers of song.

~ The voice I have now, I got the first time I sang in a movement meeting, after I got out of jail... *and I'd never heard it before in my life.*

Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon

