Sweet Honey In The Rock: MLK Day Celebration
Reclaiming the Beloved Community

On January 17th, Sweet Honey in the Rock and a national coalition of performing arts presenters, including Out North, invite viewers to join their interactive virtual concert “Celebrating MLK Day”. Audience members can stream the live concert and turn on their cameras to “be seen” by Sweet Honey in the Rock and by one another in the audience.

Join Washington, D.C.-based, African-American a cappella ensemble, Sweet Honey in the Rock, on January 17th for an MLK Day Celebration: Reclaiming the Beloved Community. With five-part harmonies and sign language interpretation, Sweet Honey’s sound ranges from African to blues to gospel and jazz. Throughout their sterling career, the ensemble has used their art form and their voices to defend civil rights, social justice, equality and freedom for all. Their messages of hope, resilience, and new beginnings feel particularly significant this year and come just days before the inauguration.

The show will feature an exciting lineup of special guests including Kiki Shepard, Keith David, Mumu Fresh, Azar Lawrence, and Wycliffe Gordon.
The three-time Grammy® Award-nominated and internationally renowned group will perform songs from the group’s extensive repertoire, which includes We Are, Let There Be Peace, The Women Gather, and Come Ye. Since 1973, Sweet Honey has empowered and inspired with songs about a range of social issues, blending potent themes with gorgeous artistry to stir the mind and the soul.

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Currently consisting of members Carol Maillard, Louise Robinson, Nitanju Bolade Casel, Aisha Kahlil, Rochelle Rice, Christie Dashiell, and featuring Romeir Mendez on upright acoustic bass and electric bass. This performance will include American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter, Barbara Hunt.

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ABOUT SWEET HONEY
Sweet Honey In The Rock® is an internationally renowned Grammy Award® nominated female a cappella vocal quartet with a history of over 45 years of distinguished service as activists and artists. Sweet Honey remains among the most relevant musical collectives in music today; both as a performance ensemble and as an ambassadorial African American organization founded on the triumvirate missions of empowerment, education and entertainment. By embracing the dynamic vehicles of a cappella singing and American Sign Language interpretation, the magnificence of their voices and inspired messages engage the ear, lift the soul and stimulate the mind in a positive journey you will not soon forget. A powerful and unique concert entity that fuses the elastic 360-degree possibilities of the human voice with a theatrical flair, Sweet Honey keeps avid audiences returning for more, year after year.

ABOUT THIRD ROW LIVE
Live performance was one of the first casualties of the pandemic and it may be one of the last areas to recover. Third Row is a project of Laudable Productions, a Massachusetts based creative agency specializing in festival production and immersive events. Our global coalition of presenting organizations is working together to sustain the performing arts during this uncertain time while re-imagining a more equitable future for artists, presenters, and audiences alike.

ABOUT OUT NORTH
Out North is 501(c)3 nonprofit, founded in 1985 and based in Anchorage, Alaska. A catalyst for art and innovation in Anchorage for more than three decades, Out North advances contemporary art, supports underrepresented voices, and promotes community dialogue.

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