Join this Groundbreaking Collaborative Project and Performance

"Every year, during the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday we hear the iconic 'I Have a Dream' speech, which was delivered at the 1963 March on Washington," says veteran lesbian activist Mandy Carter, Bayard Rustin 2013 Commemoration Project National Coordinator. "Yet, most people do not know that Bayard Rustin, an out Black gay man, was the key organizer for that groundbreaking event. America needs to know that Bayard existed. Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and same-gender-loving people need to know that Rustin stood firm in his identity and, by his very presence, challenged others in the Civil Rights Movement to overcome homophobia."

Bayard Rustin: The Man Behind the Dream
by Cincinnati composer and conductor Steve Milloy

Excitement is building and plans are well under way as singers gather to rehearse and perform Milloy's 57-minute oratorio for chorus, soloists, and instrumentalists. Come join the chorus.

Are you wondering who Bayard Rustin is? Have you ever heard the expression “Speak truth to power?” Activist Rustin coined the phrase in 1942. As an out, gay, Black, Quaker, Rustin is best known as the organizer, behind the scenes, of the 1963 March on Washington. After traveling to India, Rustin was the man who taught King about civil disobedience and active non-violence.

If we desire a society of peace, then we cannot achieve such a society through violence. If we desire a society without discrimination, then we must not discriminate against anyone in the process of building this society. If we desire a society that is democratic, then democracy must become a means as well as an end. – Bayard Rustin
The Ohio premiere and performances of Bayard Rustin: The Man Behind the Dream could not be more relevant or resonant in these troubling times. Find out more about the man, a model for non-violent activism and organizing for inclusion, by becoming a part of our tri-state concerts of this remarkable work by a local composer.

**Rehearsals in Yellow Springs** start Monday, June 18 at the Foundry Theater on the campus of Antioch College, 920 Corry Street, 45377 (Rehearsals with Catherine Roma). Rehearsals are every Monday evening through August, 7:00 to 8:30.

**Rehearsals in Cincinnati** start Tuesday June 19 at Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 William Howard Taft, 45219 (Rehearsals with Chris Miller) Rehearsals are every Tuesday through August, 7:00 to 9:00.

Information for Tri-State/Cincinnati singers, visit website https://Bayardthemanthedream.org

AlivenArts is Production Partner (Rachel Kramer, CEO)

Information for World House Choir, members of the Dayton Gay Men’s Chorus, singers from the Miami Valley: Middletown, Dayton, Xenia, Springfield, Yellow Springs and beyond, visit website www.worldhousechoir.org

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**Looking for great resources?**

*Lose Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin* by John D’Emilio

*I Must Resist: Bayard Rustin’s Life in Letters,* edited by Michael G. Long

*Time on Two Crosses: The Collected Writings of Bayard Rustin,* edited by Devon W. Carbado and Donald Weise (forward by Barack Obama, afterward by Barney Frank)

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The documentary **Brother Outsider** is on YouTube, free, 124 minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9NE_LzmGU0

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**4 Performances:**

Dayton - Sinclair Community College, on September 6

Yellow Springs - Antioch College on September 7 and 8,

Cincinnati - the House of Joy, on September 9