Bayard Rustin’s Ohio Connections

Bayard Rustin attended Wilberforce College in Wilberforce, Ohio, from 1932-1934 on a music scholarship. He sang tenor and traveled throughout the US with the acclaimed Wilberforce Quartet.

Dr. Carl Hyde, retired physician, Quaker, age 90, resident of Friends Care Center in Yellow Springs, recounted how he, when a student at Antioch College in the late 1940s, heard about Bayard Rustin’s work at the Fellowship of Reconciliation in New York. He made a phone call and soon found himself in the city, under the tutelage of Rustin, for two months for his Co-Op term.

Yellow Springs’ writer and director, Tony Dallas, and his sister, videographer Patti Dallas, tell how their father, Meredith Dallas, knew Bayard; they heard Rustin’s name frequently around the house. Both Meredith Dallas and Rustin were pacifists and served time in prison together as WWII conscientious objectors, along with Larry Gara.

Dr. Larry Gara, Quaker, age 95, retired professor of American History at Wilmington College, resident of Cape May Retirement Community in Wilmington, Ohio has told many stories over the years to local student groups. The three pacifists, Meredith Dallas, Larry Gara and Bayard Rustin fought nonviolently to desegregate the mess halls at prison (unsuccessfully). They were activists wherever they were.

Antioch College archivist, Scott Sanders, produced records documenting Bayard Rustin’s speech at Antioch College in July 1947 at the 4th Annual North Central Institute of International Relations. Bayard delivered his talk entitled “How To Conquer Jim Crow” at the conference Toward World Community: Whither the United Nations? It was during this conference that Bayard met Coretta Scott King before either met Martin Luther King.

Symposium

Brother Outsider, the award-winning documentary about Bayard Rustin, will be shown at local colleges and universities, and guest activist authors and lecturers Dr. Jared Leighton, Dr. John D’Emilio, and Bayard’s partner, Walter Naegle, will be speaking and leading discussions. Neagle will be in Yellow Springs for the opening concert on September 6 and other local events. A complete listing of the Symposium offerings is on the back. For more information: worldhousechoir.org and bayardthemanthedream.org

“Bayard Rustin [far right] with Wilberforce Quartet in 1933”

Monday, August 20, 2018

Attend this groundbreaking Collaborative Project and Performance

CONCERTS

Bayard Rustin: The Man Behind the Dream
All concerts are free and open to the public, donations welcome

Thursday, September 6, 2018; 7:00PM
Foundry Theatre at Antioch College
920 Corry St. Yellow Springs, OH 45387

Friday, September 7, 2018; 7:00PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church
125 N. Wilkinson Street, Dayton, 45402

Saturday, September 8, 2018; 7:00 PM
Foundry Theatre at Antioch College
920 Corry St. Yellow Springs, OH 45387

Sunday, September 9, 2019; 4:00PM
House of Joy Christian Ministries
5912 Hamilton Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224
Lectures – Education – Films

All events are free and open to the public, donations welcome

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:30PM
Harriet Beecher Stowe House: 2950 Gilbert Ave; Cincinnati, OH 45206
Documentary: “Brother Outsider” and Panel Discussion
Shannon Isaacs, James Newby, Martha Viehmann

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 3:00PM
Sinclair Community College, Building 12, Room 116
444 West Third St.; Dayton, OH 45202
Documentary: “Brother Outsider” and Panel Discussion
Dr. Faheem Curtis-Khidr, Amaha Sellasie, Rodney Veal, moderator

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Xavier University: Arrupe Overlook (1st floor, main floor)
Gallagher Student Center Parking: Cintas Center, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207
Dr. Jared Leighton, Guest Lecturer
“The Role of LGBT Civil Rights–Black Power Activists in Advancing LGBT Rights”

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00PM
Central State University, 1400 Brush Row Road, Wilberforce, OH 45384
CENS Building, Auditorium 114.
Documentary: “Brother Outsider” with panel discussion.
Panel: Dr. G. Jahwara Giddings, Dr. Leonard Moses and Jeremy Winston.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00PM
Wittenberg University, 201 Shouvlin Center, 737 No.
Fountain Ave., Springfield OH 45504
Documentary: “Brother Outsider” with panel discussion.

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:00PM
Wilmington College: Main Campus Lawn, 1870 Quaker Way, Wilmington, OH 45177
Documentary: “Brother Outsider” and Panel Discussion, Dr. Tanya Maus
Sponsored by Campus Ministry, Quaker Heritage Center, Center for Diversity and Inclusion and Spectra

Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM
Miami University/Hamilton Campus
Parrish Auditorium, 1601 University Blvd, Hamilton, OH 45011
Dr. John D’Emilio, Guest Lecturer
“Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin”

Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM
Yellow Springs Public Library: 415 Xenia Ave, Yellow Springs, OH 45387
Village Read for Young Adults: Bayard Rustin: Invisible Activist, by Walter Naegle
Meeting Times: Monday 08:27 at 4:00, 08:30 at 4:00, 09:05 at 4:00 and
Friday September 7 at 4:00 with the author Walter Naegle