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Celebration of Black Voices & Black American Music
February 23rd, 2021 (Virtual)

WHAT: **Boston, MA (February 2021)** - This virtual (free) concert will celebrate the African American musical influences that have built the cultural heritage of our nation. Brian Richburg and local music group New Legaxy will honor Black history, Black music, and how that music creates new power and momentum in the fight for racial justice. The collaborative venture will feature MTV Mask Award Winner Elvin Francois and The New Legaxy Community Choir. All donations given during the event will go to support The Common Ground Foundation and the New Orleans Rainy Day Fund.

WHO: Performances by:

- **Brian Richburg Jr**, Artist & Visionary
- **Dr. Elvin Francois**, MTV VMA award winner
- **New Legaxy Band & Choir**, (*Students from Harvard College & Berklee College*)
- **And many more...**

WHEN: Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

WHERE: Virtual Performances Streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube Live

We have strategically chosen these two venues to record the performances, which both hold great historical meaning to the Black community in Boston.

On September 15, 1847, a group of ex-slaves led by Rev Randolph fled north from Virginia in pursuit of freedom. Not knowing they would come to be recognized in 1871 as one of Boston's first Black organized churches forming the **Ebenezer Baptist Church**.

Wally's Jazz Club was founded by Joseph L. Walcott. Mr. Walcott was a Barbadian who immigrated to America in 1910. Wally's is the first Black-owned nightclub in New England.

About Lead Organizer, Brian Richburg Jr.

Drummer Brian Richburg Jr. was born and raised in New Orleans, and began playing in his father's church at an early age. Richburg's drumming incorporates the African and Caribbean inspired rhythms of the New Orleans street bands. Brian is a recipient of a full scholarship at the Berklee College of Music. He has appeared with Nicholas Payton, Donald Harrison Jr., Ellis Marsalis, Christian Scott, Delfeayo Marsalis, Amina Figarova, and many others. Richburg is also the 2016 recipient of the ASCAP Foundation Louis Prima Award, 2016 National YoungArts winner, and Vail Jazz Workshop participant.