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Converging Arts Columbus Presents *The Journey: Breaking Barriers* at the Historic Lincoln Theatre

Columbus, OH — Converging Arts Columbus, in collaboration with Ohio Humanities, proudly announces *The Journey: Breaking Barriers*, a powerful new multidisciplinary stage production, exploring the ongoing fight for educational equity in the United States. The production will take place **Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM** at the historic Lincoln Theatre in Columbus.

Created and directed by Destiny Coleman, *The Journey: Breaking Barriers* brings together a dynamic group of Columbus artists, featuring performances by InPulse Dance Company, Tapestry Performing Arts Company, Milton Ruffin Gospel Chorale, and United Voices Children’s Choir. Through dance, music, spoken word, and visual storytelling, the production unites dancers, musicians, vocalists, and actors to illuminate overlooked histories and contemporary struggles surrounding access to education.

This original production highlights lesser-known stories of school segregation in Ohio during the 1950s and 1960s. In collaboration with Ohio Humanities, the performance will incorporate archival footage documenting the courageous African American mothers and daughters from the Lincoln School in Hillsboro, Ohio, who fought for integration. The production will also feature oral histories and interviews with elders from Columbus who experienced school segregation firsthand.

The Journey: Breaking Barriers builds on the success of Converging Arts Columbus’ 2023 production, *The Journey: Civil Rights*, which received the GCAC Columbus Makes Art Excellence Award from the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Continuing that legacy, the new work expands the organization’s mission of using the arts to amplify underrepresented voices and preserve community history.

The evening will begin with a **pre-show talk** featuring historian Townsend Price-Spratlen, Ph.D., who will provide historical context about segregation and the ongoing pursuit of educational equity.

In addition to the main stage performance, the project includes a **free dress rehearsal** offered to select community groups and schools.



The Journey: Breaking Barriers is made possible through the generous support of the Greater Columbus Arts Council, the Ohio Arts Council, Zoe's Fund, and 3E Multimedia.

Event Details

What: *The Journey: Breaking Barriers*

When: Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 7:00 PM

Where: Lincoln Theatre | 769 E Long St, Columbus, OH 43203

Presented by: Converging Arts Columbus in collaboration with Ohio Humanities

For more information about the production and community outreach events, please contact Destiny Coleman.

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