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"Songs of the Civil Rights Movement" a musical tribute by LEA celebrating MLK Day at the Carroll Arts Center

The Carroll County Arts Council has a tradition of presenting thought-provoking programs in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year they are hosting LEA performing "Songs of the Civil Rights Movement" on January 20, 2020 at 2 pm. This musical tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. includes classic gospel, folk, rock, jazz, and blues tunes that are the soundtrack of a generation for Americans in the 1950's & 60's.

"A great voice singing great songs." That is the simplest way to introduce you to LEA's music. While she often draws comparisons to other female phenoms like Tracy Chapman, Joni Mitchell and Ani DiFranco, LEA's sound seamlessly blends gospel, jazz, country and R&B into her own style - SoulFolk. In addition to "Best Female Vocalist" and "Best New Artist" nominations from the Washington Area Musician's Association, Lea's career has captured the attention of major record labels, concert promoters and acoustic music fans everywhere. LEA has shared the stage with luminaries including Odetta, Mavis Staples, Dar Williams and Anthony Hamilton.

LEA was born in Baltimore to a father who toured the world playing trumpet in the funk band Black Heat and a mother who dreamed of opera while performing with her siblings in the Jones Family Gospel Singers. LEA was singing on the pulpit of the Baptist church where she grew up as soon she could speak. When she discovered the acoustic guitar as a teenager, she began teaching herself to play by writing songs. LEA's final year in high school in Germany at a classical conservatory, where she sang with the jazz ensemble Black & White and co-wrote with the British pop trio Indigo Wild.

Sponsored by Carroll Community College, tickets are \$12 for adults; \$8 for ages 25 & under and ages 60 & up. CCAC Members get additional 10% off. As this is a day of service, CCAC will offer free admission to anyone who has volunteered for a non-profit organization during the past year. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office. There is no snow date.

The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 West Main Street in downtown Westminster. For more information go to CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or call 410-848-7272.

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CALENDAR LISTING (please list under Music, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, or related category):

"LEA sings Songs of the Civil Right Movement." Mon. January 20 at 2 pm. This musical tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. includes classic gospel, folk, rock, jazz, and blues tunes that are the soundtrack of a generation for Americans in the 1950's & 60's. \$8-12. Free admission to anyone who has volunteered for a non-profit organization during the past year. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157. 410-848-7272. www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.