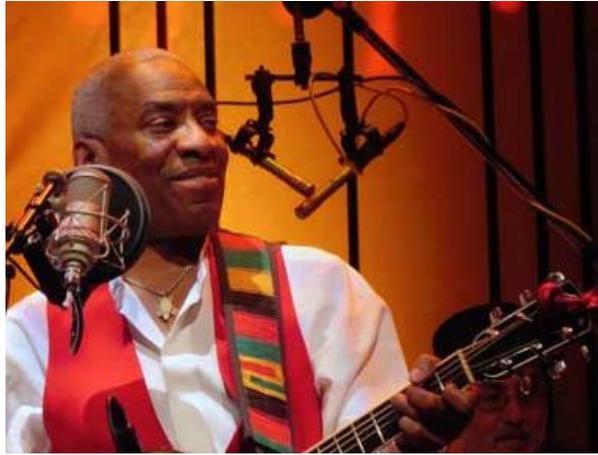


Songs of Joy, Hope and Freedom



The Henniker Summer Concert Series is pleased to welcome performer, lecturer and cultural ambassador Reggie Harris to the Angela Robinson Bandstand on Tuesday, July 27, beginning at 6:30 PM. Reggie is a singer-songwriter and storyteller whose mission is to educate, entertain, and inspire. For over 40 years, he has captivated audiences to standing ovations in the US, Canada and across Europe. Throughout his travels he carries a message of joy, unity, tolerance and peace through the powerful medium of live music. He is in high demand for concerts, schools, University residencies, community-build, festivals and teaching workshops.

A songwriter of great depth and insight, Reggie writes from a personal but accessible place that reveals his deep sense of humanity and a uniquely positive worldview. He is a trailblazer who performs for audiences of all ages. His songs reveal the subtle truths of issues that touch our lives today – regardless of color, background, age, or nationality. It's about the laughter and the tears...the challenges and the joy...the global and the personal. It's about history and the present day...the sacred and the laugh out loud funny moments that define us. It's about time.

Recently featured in a chapter of CNN Correspondent Don Lemon's book "This is the Fire: What I Tell My Friends About Racism", Reggie is a descendent of General Wickham, a reluctant Confederate who became a Republican following the war. Wickham's statue in Richmond, VA was one of the first toppled last year. Wickham lived on a plantation named Hickory Hill and had both white and black progeny. Reggie has written a song titled "Hickory Hill" about his history and relationships with his black and white relatives. Reggie and his cousin were also interviewed for a recent The New York Times' article "When the Toppled Statue is of Your Great-great-grandfather. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/25/us/historic-statues-monuments-descendants.html>

We are especially grateful to Henniker House Bed and Breakfast for hosting Reggie and making it possible for us to present this very special performance.

The Henniker Summer Music Series is sponsored by the town of Henniker. All concerts are free (although donations to the Town of Henniker are welcome), begin at 6:30 PM and take place at the Angela Robinson Bandstand at Community Park, Main Street.

We continue to follow current best practices from the CDC as we plan for an exciting and safe summer series. As we see increases in vaccination rates and a decrease in infection rates (Henniker has had zero new instances of COVID in at least two weeks) and, as the State of New Hampshire continues to allow more activities, especially

outdoors where the CDC indicates the risk of COVID infection is minimal, the Henniker Board of Selectmen approved removing the fencing around Community Park and the need to mark out squares for the Summer Concert Series. We ask you to use your own judgment in deciding whether or not to wear masks and/or to socially distance. There is no provision for moving indoors this summer, so if there is inclement weather, the concert will be cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday. Bring a chair, spread a blanket, visit a local restaurant, or have a picnic supper on the lawn and join your neighbors and friends in this community-building event at our bandstand. The complete summer schedule is available on the Town of Henniker website: www.henniker.org. For more information, contact hennikerconcerts@henniker.org. Check <https://www.facebook.com/HennikerConcert> the day of the concert to receive updated weather information regarding cancellation.