

Barry Scott to Present Program on Struggle for Equality

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"From I Have a Dream to Yes We Can" will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre.

Admission is free.

The program chronicles America's struggle for equality through the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President Barack Obama.

Presenter Barry Scott is an actor, writer, producer, director, motivational speaker and voice over artist. The founder and producing artistic director of the American Negro Playwright Theatre at Tennessee State University, where his parents and grandparents graduated, Scott has become one of the leading theater artists in his hometown.

His acting credits include television's "I'll Fly Away" and "In the Heat of the Night."

An authority on the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Scott wrote and starred in "Ain't Got Long to Stay Here" as a tribute to King and to teach a generation of students about one of America's most violent and inspiring times.

Scott has performed excerpts of King's speeches for the Humanitarian Awards Ceremony honoring President Jimmy Carter and was recorded on the "March On" album benefiting the National Civil Rights Museum.

He has conducted workshops on acting and has received several awards including the Ingram Fellowship Award for Theatre and the Partnership in Access and Appreciation Grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission. He also won the Ralph Edmondson National Award for Play Writing for "Lisa's Story," which he wrote, produced, directed and starred in.