

"BOOTS ON THE GROUND"

CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY

Wed, June 18, 2025 @ 7pm - Richey Suncoast Theatre

7 - 7:15	Audience arrival – line dance engagement; Dance Coach will provide leadership
7:15 – 7:20	Comedian host introduces show
7:20 – 7:35	<i>"The Journey" (Intro to Music's Origin by Orisirisi African Folklore)</i> <i>(Don/wife sing a Capella song; Don plays brief rhythm, they present theme song with audience participation joining in their dance; Don tells story of how music came to be)</i>
7:35 – 7:40	Comedian (transitions to slavery & hymns)
7:40 – 8:05	Funwa Alafia & Drumming demonstration by Orisirisi African Folklore <i>(audience on stage participating in drumming)</i>
8:05 – 8:15	Spoken Word: slavery and spiritual songs (how slaves utilized songs for faith building and messaging)
8:15 – 8:20	Comedian (transitions to Juneteenth & Boots on the Ground)
8:20 -8:30	Spoken Word <i>(Tells Juneteenth story, making connection with Boots on the Ground)</i>
8:30 – 8:35	Comedian <i>(Transition to explain what's about to happen with Boots on the Ground line dance; asks for a few volunteers to come to stage)</i>
8:35 – 9	Dance Coach leads Boots on the Ground line dance lesson with volunteers on stage; planted participants will encourage audience members to get in the aisles; Dance out to the song "Boots on the Ground"
9:00	Comedian Closing Remarks: "Thanks for Coming", "Dance on out with your Boots on the Ground"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Event will be free of charge – no admission fee
- Richey Suncoast Theatre will receive all profit from concession sales
- NPR Library will create flyer, provide promotion support; promotional messaging should include encouraging attendees to wear boots
- Fans will be distributed to attendees upon entry
- Prizes (Door prizes &/or prizes to volunteers who participate on stage)
- Will request to access theatre prior to 6/18 for walk through with those participating in the program.
- Will request access to theatre at 3 pm on 6/18 to set up/check sound, lighting, position drumming equipment, etc.

BUDGET

Orisirisi African Folklore	\$2,500.00
Comedian	150.00
Spoken Word	100.00
Dance Coach	50.00
216 Fans (Dollar Tree)	325.00
Prizes, Promotion, etc.	<u>575.00</u>
	\$3,700.00