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Windham Philharmonic honors MLK with Jan 19 concert

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The Windham Philharmonic will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special concert on Monday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Latchis Theatre, presenting a program that organizers say “celebrates dignity, imaginative freedom, and the complex histories that music can illuminate.”

The performance will include Franz Schubert’s Overture in E minor, Richard Strauss’s Horn Concerto No. 2 in E-flat major featuring French horn soloist Noah Fotis Larsson from Tundi’s

12 2025 Ring Cycle, and Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's Symphonic  
13 "Variations on an African Air," a work rooted in African-  
14 American spiritual tradition that organizers said will "invite  
15 audiences to consider questions of identity, cultural inheritance,  
16 and creative responsibility."

17 "The program is built around the idea of dignity — for  
18 individuals, for communities, and for the music itself," Music  
19 Director Hugh Keelan said in a news release. "Coleridge-Taylor's  
20 variations, in particular, ask us to engage seriously with inherited  
21 material, to reflect on its origins, and to imagine how music can  
22 honor resilience and humanity across time and place."

23 This performance continues the Windham Philharmonic's  
24 tradition of what organizers called "connecting audience and  
25 orchestra as co-travelers in an intense musical and cultural  
26 exploration." They said this concert "offers a rare opportunity to  
27 experience works that range from the intimately lyrical to the  
28 cross-cultural, all within a framework that celebrates ethical,  
29 humanistic, and artistic inquiry."

30 Tickets are available at the door, by donation. For more  
31 information, visit [windhamphilharmonic.org](http://windhamphilharmonic.org).

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