



Everybody's Protest Music

Dr. Guy's Musiqology

PROGRAM

There will be no intermission.



Friday, October 16 @ 8 PM

Prince Theatre

PROGRAM NOTES

Using jazz as a departure, the program features songs that resonate with the contemporary era of social protest and change. Dr. Guy's Musiqology, an ensemble formed by University of Pennsylvania professor Guthrie Ramsey in 2003, performs original compositions and arrangements of traditional songs that include spoken word, poetry, instrumentals and vocals mixing genres and carrying powerful messages for our time.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Guthrie P. Ramsey, Jr. is a pianist, composer and the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Term Professor of Music at the University of Pennsylvania. A widely published author, he wrote *Race Music: Black Cultures from Bebop to Hip-Hop* and *The Amazing Bud Powell: Black Genius, Jazz History and the Challenge of Bebop*. As the leader of the band Dr. Guy's Musiqology, he has released two CDs titled *Y the Q?* and *The Colored Waiting Room*. Among his other musical works is "Someone Is Listening," a commission written with Elizabeth Alexander and commemorating the 100th anniversary of the NAACP. His three-movement suite for voice and jazz ensemble, "Art Songs in the Kingdom of Culture", premiered in February 2012 and was written in honor of W.E.B. Du Bois. His documentary film *Amazing: The Tests and Triumph of Bud Powell* was a recent selection of the BlackStar Film Festival. He co-curated the 2010 exhibition *Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing: How the Apollo Theater Shaped American Entertainment* for the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Smithsonian Institute and was a contributing scholar to the Museum of Modern Art's recent exhibition *One-Way Ticket: Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series and Other Works*. Ramsey is the founder and editor of the popular blog, Musiqology.com, which takes on musical issues of the day. He received a doctorate in musicology from the University of Michigan and taught at Tufts University before joining the University of Pennsylvania faculty in 1998. He was a Thurgood Marshall Dissertation Fellow at Dartmouth College, a DuBois Institute Fellow at Harvard University, and has held visiting professorships at Princeton University and Harvard University.