New Stage Theatre presents play at Northside Baptist Church

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New Stage Theatre recently presented a performance of *If Not Us, Then Who? Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer* at Northside Baptist Church in Clinton as part of the New Stage Theatre Arts-in-Education statewide touring program. *If Not Us, Then Who?* was performed for 125 people of all ages.

The original play with music chronicles two historic events that made an impact on American history and Mississippi. In 1961, thirteen "Freedom Riders" began a journey to fight racial segregation. In 1964, Mississippians and out-of-state volunteers alike organized "Freedom Summer," a massive voter registration drive to give African Americans a voice in politics. Interspersed with freedom songs from the movement, the production encourages viewers to remember that America is at her best when everyone is working for the common good of all of its citizens.

Featuring stories from famous participants like Fannie Lou Hamer and Senator John Lewis, as well as lesser-known heroes like James Zwerg and Diane Nash, the play recounts the lives of the brave people whose bold actions continue to serve as inspiration. *If Not Us, Then Who?* is best suited for middle and high school audiences and is available for performances through May 10, 2019. The performance is directed by Sharon Miles, education director at New Stage.

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Original Freedom Riders were in attendance at the Northside Baptist Church performance of If Not Us, Then Who? Freedom Rides to Freedom Summer *by New Stage Theatre's Professional Acting Company. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Freedom Riders Hezekiah Watkins and Bobby Talbert and New Stage Apprentice Jordan Williams; and back row: Freedom Rider Fred Clark, New Stage Apprentices Hayden Schubert, Sarah Coleman and Cherry Rendel.*

Students inducted into Spanish Honor Society

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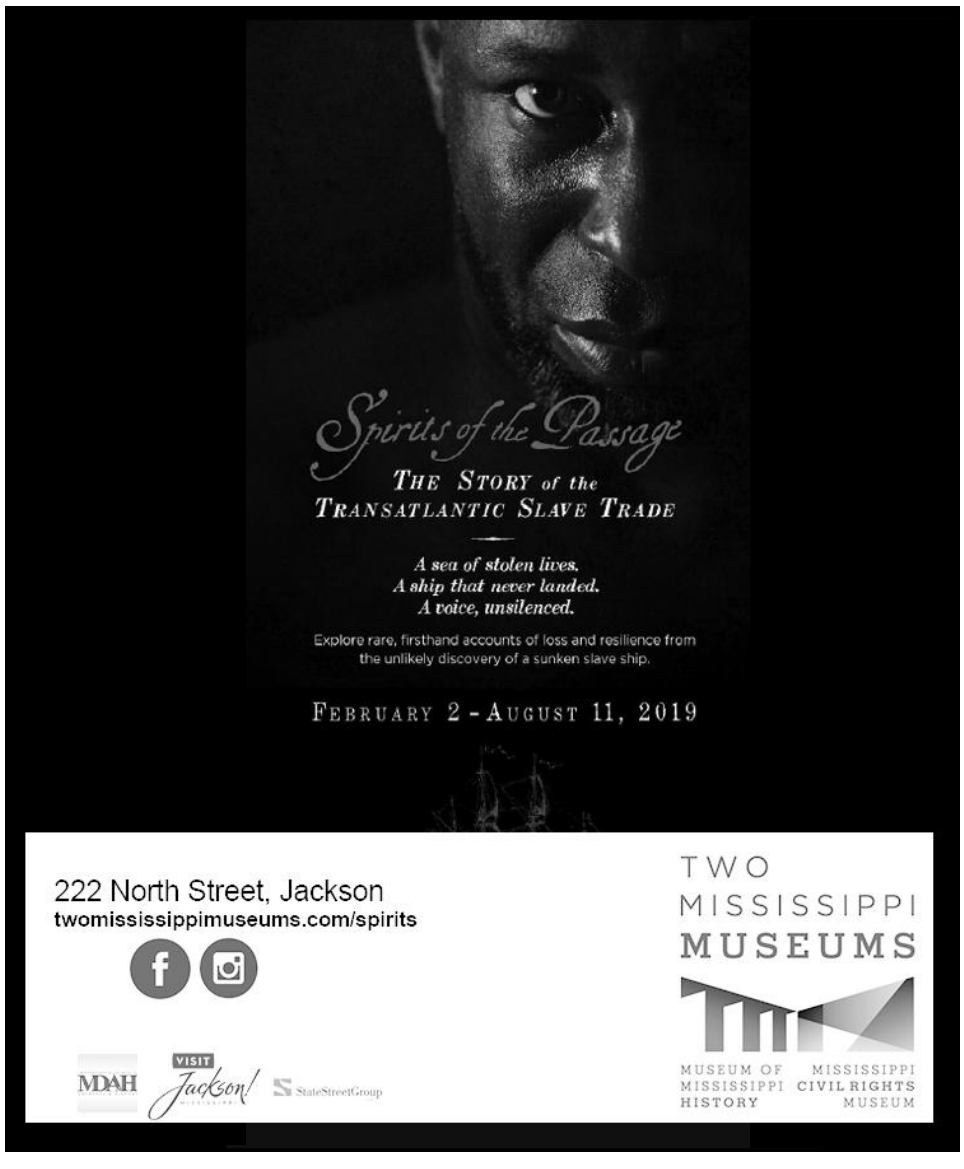
Clinton High School recently inducted new members into Las Flechas, the school's chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society. The guest speaker at the induction ceremony was Dr. Amy Williamson, Chair of Modern Languages at Mississippi College. Pictured (l to r) are, front row: Allyson Cotton, Savanna Clardy, Regina Mazy, Shivani Shukla and Alberta Russell; and back row: Katie Pace, Miana Mozee, William Blair, Caleb Miller, Caleb Bohannon, Miles Sims and Brooke Thompson. Not pictured are Allyson McGowan and Eboni Anderson.



The Andrew Jackson Council
Boy Scouts of America
Invites you to attend the
Annual Golden Eagle Reception

During the event, we will be Honoring longtime Scouter and Eagle Scout Mr. John Fox.

Thursday, April 11th, 2019, 6:00pm
The Hilton Garden Inn, 5007 Hampstead Blvd, Clinton
Sponsored by Hilton Garden, Allen Boykin - General Manager
Everyone is Welcome!