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In observance of Black History Month, South Florida People of Color with Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Ph.D., Chair, Board of Directors, of the South Florida People of Color, (SFPOC) presents a call to action in the featured Egret story. It is important to spotlight, reflect, and honor our Black history. I had the privilege of hosting an Awkward Dinner with the South Florida People of Color that brought business leaders together, to learn how to disrupt racism in our businesses and develop empathy. It was an incredible experience,

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#### A CALL TO ACTION FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA PEOPLE OF COLOR

The Association for the Study of African American History and Culture (ASALH) has established the theme for the 2023 observance of Black History Month as "Black Resistance." "African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores," reads ASALH's essay on this theme. "These efforts have been to advocate for a dignified self-determined life in a just democratic society in the United States and beyond the United States political jurisdiction." Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a historian who earned his doctorate degree from Harvard University, founded in ASALH (then known as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History) in 1915, then established Negro History Week in 1926, which has expanded into Black History Month. Each year ASALH's theme for Black History Month focuses on a particular aspect of the Black past to uplift.

The theme of "Black Resistance" offers the opportunity to reflect on not only the long history of the varied forms of protest--writing, thinking, petitioning, running, marching, and voting--Black folks have exercised over their 400-year history in America, but the recent movements drawing attention to police brutality and continued economic inequity in our society. Nearly three years ago, our nation witnessed the largest series of protests in its history in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of those demonstrations was their interracial composition. In the months immediately after the



protests, that physical form of allyship has transmuted into pledges of antiracism and equity in corporate spaces. U.S. companies together promised an unprecedented \$8.8 billion towards efforts to create access and diversity in their companies and our society. This impulse toward equity and inclusion, however, has not gone without resistance. Powerful forces in our nation's halls of government have used their authority to punish protests, ban books, trample intellectual freedom, and silence conversations about race and equity in classrooms and workplaces.

Reflecting on these realities as we engage the idea of Black resistance during Black History Month is a reminder that the major movements that have brought this nation closer to protecting and serving all of its citizens have been motivated by Black leaders and Black voices--from Mary Ann Shad Cary, Frederick Douglass, W. E. B. DuBois, to Ida B. Wells, and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.--at their most impactful levels, have been supported by white allyship. Appalled by the autobiographical stories of fugitive slaves, white abolitionists raised their voices for decades in the years leading up to the US Civil War, creating a social and political climate in the North that paved the way for the end of slavery as a legislatively protected institution in the country. Nearly a century later, white gatekeepers on the US Supreme Court, the US Congress, and the White House, with support of a significant amount of the white electorate, eventually supported positions and legislation that at long last struck down legal segregation and protected Black voting rights.

In this moment, as in the past, the future of this nation will be shaped by those who choose to use their power to stand together against the forces of injustice and exclusion. Since 2015, the South Florida People of Color has served as a vehicle for antiracist education, dialogue, and advocacy, in hopes of fostering the types of connections and motivations that lead to the social and political change that creates inclusion and equity for historically marginalized groups. Programs like our Awkward Dinners bring people together to comprehend their own social identities but also to understand how social constructs both empower and limit individuals based on the function of racial bias and inequality of opportunity. Our educational programs offer our members and participants the chance to learn more about the history, cultural, and lived experiences of Black people as a way to confront and dismantle racial and ethnic stereotypes. Our advocacy has encouraged our allies to critically assess the platforms and legislation presented by our elected officials and to align their votes with their antiracism values.

As we uplift the memory and reality of Black resistance this Black History Month, we also recognize its interconnectedness with white allies who listened, empathized, and acted to break down barriers restricting Black participation in American society. Advocates like Harriet Beecher Stowe, warriors like John Brown, presidents like Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Lyndon B. Johnson, and martyrs like Viola Luizzo and Rev. James Reeb all played significant roles in advancing justice for Black people in the US. While the site of the battle has shifted, the same type of commitment, bravery, and support of Black leadership in advancing equity is needed today if we are to continue to bend the moral arc of our nation toward the values which we proclaim. Now as ever, the South Florida People of Color remains committed to cultivating the conditions for these collaborations.

#### Written By: Tameka Bradley Hobbs, Ph.D., Chair, Board of Directors, SFPOC Cover Art Design By: Ithan Payne Creative



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Rodaz continues, "I adore stories that take audiences to another world entirely. This story was perfect for an immersive retelling".

Even before the performance begins, the immersive experience arrives with the audience. The youngest audience members might be seen wearing their yellow Belle ball gowns with tiaras or Beast frock. They're anticipating their regal entry to the Castle's grandeur. Adult audience members are transported to France and ready to raise their mugs with Gaston!

There are no more hints or spoilers. The audience (you) will need to guess, anticipate and plan to be WOWED! The cast of 18 are high-energy and need to be, traversing the castles open stage. That was your last hint! Choreography, of course is accepted as dance design, however this performance raises it to an entirely new level. It's frankly 'Awesome' in the literal sense of the word, forsaking the 21st century's slang adaptation.

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We, at the MSPCS, said bye to a great Holiday Season, where students got to enjoy and live the Christmas Spirit through a week full of festivities with families, teachers, and other kids.

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