AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Join us for a two-part Zoom Talk Series

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021
4:00 pm ARIZONA TIME

Tucson’s Black Community and School Segregation
a presentation by Bernard Wilson, independent researcher and author of The Black Residents of Tucson and Their Achievements: A Reference Guide

Between 1909 and 1911 the Tucson school board enacted a policy of segregation that divided the bustling upstart city. The school boards’ decision was encouraged by the passing of Arizona Territory legislation and enacted by a growing southern white population that wanted to introduce Jim Crow laws. The eventual selection of an old funerary building led to parents, the Black community, clergy, and newspaper editorials decrying the decision. This presentation explores the people, legislation and reasons the Tucson school board put racism over the safety and welfare of Tucson’s children.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
4:00 pm ARIZONA TIME

The Spirit of Spirituals: Famous and Stirring Songs of Faith, and their Stories
a presentation by Súle Greg Wilson, educator, musician, dancer, storyteller, author, archivist, and director of the Smithsonian Institution’s Afro-American Index Project—precursor to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

People the world over express Divine Devotion through humbly coming together and creating blessed sounds, blending their energies and hearts to help bridge that sometimes narrow, sometimes great, divide between us, as temporal beings, and the Infinite. One example of this bridge is African American sacred music: Negro Spirituals, and the Gospel tradition. Many have heard them, but few know their historical, or cultural context, much less their African precedents. What better way to learn about and explore African and Post-African music and stories than to hear and sing it?

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