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**Lied Center for Performing Arts**

Art has the power to open eyes, hearts, and minds.

The Lied Center for Performing Arts is committed to lifting up and presenting the work and artistry of people from diverse and historically underrepresented backgrounds. It is through art that we are allowed a glimpse into the hearts of others, to see for a moment through their eyes, feel the world as they feel it. We are committed to providing inspiration and hope, and working to bring the community together to understand challenges that lead to positive change.

The Lied Center has a long history of celebrating and showcasing black artists, and we are continually striving to do more. Last year the Lied launched our new MOSAIC series with the goal of presenting work that is “idee-driven, curiosity-filled, and radically inclusive,” and with a pledge to strengthen partnerships with our cultural and community centers on and off campus, inviting curatorial and cultural partnership. We are committed to inspiring social responsibility. We can all do better, and we must. We see you, we hear you, and we are listening.

#BlackoutTuesday

Today and always, we stand with our black artists, staff, colleagues, friends, and all those who continue to be affected by racism.

We are committed to peace, justice, and equity.
Sheldon Museum of Art

We are committed to listening, learning & introspection. We rely on honest & direct conversations to understand others’ perspectives & our own biases. We stand w/ collective actions of support for Black lives to bring about justice & equity.

Gordon Parks "Outside Looking In" '56
Statements from Organizations (alphabetical order)

African/African American Leadership Caucus

The African/African American Leadership Caucus (AAALC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are deeply saddened by the senseless, horrific, and unnecessary death of Mr. George Floyd at the hands of Derek Chauvin and other police officers in Minneapolis, MN. As persons in Minneapolis are memorializing the area in the street where this hateful act occurred, and as protests are occurring in various cities in America, the AAALC denounces the brutal and lethal action taken against Mr. George Floyd and seek support and comfort for his family.

While we do not condone violent acts, the murder of Mr. Floyd as witnessed by observers and aired in the media has rightfully resulted in protests by African Americans, Black people, and other concerned citizens of this country and around the world. When peaceful protests are labeled riots, we should keep in mind the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “Riots do not develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. In the final analysis, a riot is the language of the unheard.”

There are some things that are undeniable truths in America. We know that our community continues to suffer great pain at the hands of those who vow to serve and protect. We know of the documented evidence of vast and shameful disparities experienced by persons of African descent compared to white Americans. We know that the 1968 findings of the National Commission on Civil Disorder established by then President Lyndon Johnson, commonly referred to as the Kerner Commission, reported that America at that time was a tale of “two societies, one black and one white.” We know that today, in 2020, America continues this social, political, and economic dichotomy.

As citizens and residents of the state of Nebraska, we are aware that the circumstances surrounding the killing of Mr. Floyd are not only relevant to us as black people, but we believe that the response, the sensitivity and the actions of the leadership and members of this region should show deep concern, consideration and appreciation of how these actions affect us. Beyond statements of support and concern by our elected officials and other leadership (which we welcome), the AAALC also seek for concrete actions, vigilant scrutiny of law enforcement in our immediate community, and greater sensitivity to the needs and concerns of black people in our community.

Political and social CNN commentator Bakari Sellers stated that “calls for peace should be coupled with calls for justice.” The AAALC calls for justice in the death of Mr. George Floyd and for justice and for dealing in all matters related to and affecting our community, and that human life regardless of its color or hue, should and must be respected. We also contend that in America all persons have the right to express divergent perspectives, engage in lawful protest, and push for substantive change. These are sustenance rights for all and they must be preserved.

Joint Statement by ASUN and BSU