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In honor of Black History Month

New Era Creative Space

presents

***Melanin Magic! A Celebration of Black Excellence and Artistry***

Performance Date: February 20, 2021

2:00 PM and 5:00 PM

Performances will be Live on Facebook and Instagram.

**About *Melanin Magic!***

**Written by Jodi Fernandez**

In the Fall of 2020 NECS embarked on a journey to educate, empower, and build community through learning about history. In a time of racial unrest, strength and resilience comes from knowing our history. NECS students have engaged in the exploration of African and African-American history, anthropology, and sociology over the past few months. *Melanin Magic!* focuses on educating and uplifting students through song, dance, and spoken word. The production will highlight the survival and resilience of people of color and celebrate our common humanity.

**Showcase**

In this production, NECS artists showcase their knowledge of our history through song, dance, drama and spoken word as we celebrate Black Artistry and Excellence during Black History Month. Performances will include: A short skit, a spoken word performance, a rendition of the Black National Anthem, and a musical/dance number that pays tribute to the African Diaspora in Latin America and Caribbean. The production will conclude with a talkback session led by NECS youth artists.



**Creative Team:**

Leslie Fields Cruz, Artistic Director

Jodi Fernandez, Writer and Artistic Director

Susan Cody, Music Director

Bell Torres, Choreographer

David Steele, Video Producer

**The event is FREE! Donations are welcome. We do ask that people register to attend at [http://bit.ly/melanin\\_magic\\_022021](http://bit.ly/melanin_magic_022021) to receive the link and updates leading to the event.**

**About NECS**

New Era Creative Space (NECS) is a charitable non-profit organization and community-focused educational center. Our mission is to enrich the lives of children, youth, and families by assisting them in developing lifelong interests and skills through engagement in creative activities and educational programs.