

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: THE EXPERIENCE

Welcome to *Sweet Honey In The Rock: THE EXPERIENCE*. This workshop offers audiences an up-close and personal introduction to the members of the group and the ensemble's distinguished history, mission, and how they have developed their unique a cappella vocal phrasing and style. Each member shares their individual insight and musical perspective, their message, and the creative and collaborative spirit that forged Sweet Honey In The Rock's patented sound. *THE EXPERIENCE* can be tailored to fit a range of audiences, from high school thru college, and adult levels. The format is also ideal for choir groups and can incorporate an interactive exchange and component where choirs perform, and Sweet Honey In The Rock share their professional assessment and critique. Sweet Honey In The Rock will perform a few musical selections during the course of the workshop as well. A short Question and Answer session at the end can also be incorporated.

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: A LEGACY AS ARTISTS AND ACTIVISTS

Sweet Honey In The Rock has always created and offered a wide range of musical ideas and social messages meant to inspire listeners to stay involved with their communities and the world; that music is a perfect means to show how we can always contribute to making a difference. Songs that address social and political issues, and contemporary concerns such as *HARBOR ME*, *RUN*, *THE WOMEN GATHER*, *ELLA'S SONG*, and *ARE WE A NATION* serve as the basis for the workshop. The workshop also features an in-depth exploration of the lyrics and themes of Sweet Honey's most compelling and poignant repertoire, and an opportunity for participants to listen and sing their music. Sweet Honey In The Rock also conduct a short question and answer session and discussion at the end of the workshop.

SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK: TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

Since 1989, with the release of *ALL FOR FREEDOM*, Sweet Honey In The Rock has reached out to young audiences through their recordings, videos, and performances, which was highlighted by their Grammy Award nominated children's CD, *EXPERIENCE 101*, released in 2006. The music of Sweet Honey In The Rock spans a wide range of issues and styles that resonate with young people, and the ensemble has a penchant for making their performances very engaging and youth friendly. They feature several interactive opportunities with the audience throughout their performance, which gives the audience a chance to voice and express their opinions and ideas out loud, as well as some very fun sing along songs too. Sweet Honey In The Rock will engage the audience in a brief Question and Answer period at the end of their performance as well.

"LOVE: A VOCAL CULTURE" SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK CHOIR WORKSHOP

Love is the driving force behind the evolution of Sweet Honey In The Rock. And music is the great connector. Love is their cause, their action. Music is their method. They use their voices as instruments to create songs that will transcend, connect and impact cultures and connect people of the global community. *LOVE: A VOCAL CULTURE* is a special week long (6 days) work shop designed for choral directors and existing choirs comprised up to 200 members. Sweet Honey In The Rock will share their rich oral tradition and teach choirs 4 songs of hope, unity, consciousness and peace, creating a transcending experience of love in action. Love in evolution. The 6-day workshop will include teaching choirs 1 song per day in a morning and afternoon session for the first 4 days. Day 5 all 4 songs will be reviewed. Day 6 will include a final rehearsal/run thru and sound check. The day will be highlighted with a live concert performance featuring Sweet Honey In The Rock performing the 4 songs with the choir. The evening will culminate with a finale solo set by Sweet Honey In The Rock. Both sets will be 45 minutes in length and will include a 15-20 intermission. *Variations and adjustments to this format are available depending on time and budget.*