



## Save the African-American Spiritual!

*“The artist must elect to fight for Freedom or for Slavery...” -Paul Robeson*  
*“It is through Beauty that one proceeds to Freedom.” -Friedrich Schiller*

**What:** *Musikabend*, featuring American Negro Spirituals

**When:** Saturday, May 14th, 7pm - 9pm

**Where:** Good Shepherd-Faith Presbyterian Church  
152 W 66th St, New York, NY 10023  
Social Hall (downstairs, enter through iron gate)

*Suggested donation: \$10*  
Reception included

In preparation for a mid-summer commemoration of the life and work of artistic giants Drs. Sylvia Olden-Lee and William Warfield, the Schiller Institute NYC is hosting a *Musikabend* featuring American Negro Spirituals.

Not only did Olden-Lee and Warfield lead the fight to restore the dignified performance of the American Negro Spirituals, but they worked tirelessly to emphasize their historical and cultural significance as true “American” art songs — equal in stature to the beautiful European art songs of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, et al. — as well as freedom songs. No better tribute could be given to these two great American artists than to challenge ourselves to attain the standards for which they struggled.

Songs will be sung by members of the Schiller Institute NYC Chorus, and members of the Nyack College faculty and students.

