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**Writer and Artist Delano Burrowes to Deliver 26th Annual W.E.B. Du Bois Lecture
at Bard College at Simon's Rock**



GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—Brooklyn-based writer and artist Delano Burrowes will deliver the 26th W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Lecture entitled "The Languages Black Folks Speak: Letting Go of the Myth about Finding our True Voice" this month. Originally from Great Barrington, also the hometown of W.E.B. Du Bois, Delano Burrowes's work is heavily connected to Du Bois's concepts of double consciousness and how Black people internalize the idea that their existence is inherently seen as a problem. Burrowes's work has been published in HuffPost, The Rumpus, Kweli Journal, and more. He has performed solo and collaborative art throughout NYC, including the International Human Rights Art Festival.

The Great Barrington Project, Burrowes's ongoing discussion and performance art series, explores how Black people are seen and will next be enacted in New York City and Reading, PA, in 2023. He is one of the co-founders of The Blackyard Collective NYC, a nonprofit mutual aid and social network for Black queer people in recovery from addiction to alcohol and drugs. Delano has studied and taught mindfulness meditation for over ten years and is committed to introducing it to historically excluded groups. He also works as a racial justice coordinator at the Berkshires equity and justice organization, Multicultural BRIDGE.

Established in 1996, the annual W.E.B. Du Bois Memorial Lecture is given each year by a distinguished individual whose own achievements carry on the legacy of Du Bois. Recent visitors include Pamela Larde, Shana Russell, Keeanga Yamahtta-Taylor, David Levering Lewis, Lorene Cary, John Edgar Wideman, Sonia Sanchez, and Penelope Andrews. The Lecture is one of many ways Simon's Rock [draws inspiration](#) from Du Bois.

The Lecture will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 20th, in the McConnell Theater at the Daniel Arts Center on the Bard College at Simon's Rock campus. The event is free and open to the public. A livestream is also available at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89180510750>

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