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Christ Church Cathedral Spotlights Racism in Poetry and Song

*"Racism is the ultimate blasphemy.... It is never benign and conventional and acceptable."
~ Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

*"Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting."
~ Pope Francis*

Racism is one of the most controversial and least understood issues of our times. On Friday, October 30th Christ Church Cathedral, as part of its mission to deepen harmony amongst humanity will be offering an enlightening evening of poetry and music, presented by five leading Vancouver poets and performers, each sharing though their artistry, their individual reflections and experiences of racism.

Metis writer and arts activist **Joanne Arnott**, Black writer-artist-educator **Chantal Gibson**, and Asian author-video artist **Fiona Tinwei Lam**, will draw from their award-winning poetry, to speak their truths, Joining them will be celebrated singer-actor **Marcus Mosely** and Tsleil-Waututh cultural ambassador and performer **Gabriel George**, each singing songs of their lives.

All are invited to attend this very special event – either live at the cathedral, or live-streamed to homes around the province and across the country. COVID regulations will only permit a total of 50 on-site participants and will require pre-registration. Details at www.thecathedral.ca

Event: **Spotlight: RACISM**
featuring Joanne Arnott, Chantal Gibson, Fiona Tinwei Lam &
Marcus Mosely, Gabriel George
Date: Friday, October 30, 2020
Time: 7:30pm
Place: Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard Street and live online