



Delaware Institute for the Arts in Education

Stanton Middle School

Musician Artivists of the Civil Rights Era Residency



Students in 7th grade ELA classes and band and chorus will participate in a residency in the coming weeks focused on activism (art + activism) among musicians and poets of the Civil Rights Era. Delaware Institute for the Arts is Education (DiAE) Teaching Artist Christian Wills (Poet/Spoken Word Artist/Rapper) will be working with Ms. McKenzie's and Mr. Norman's 7th Grade ELA classes on crafting poetry in the style of the writers of the Black Artists Movement of the 1960s and 1970s. They will use spoken word techniques to perform their original poems about how they envision creating a positive change in their community. Teaching Artist Jea Street, Jr. (Singer/Songwriter/Musician) will lead the members of the Band and Chorus to compose new works that can encourage the listener to make choices for the betterment of society. At the culmination of the residency, students will view an assembly performance by Jea Street, Jr. and his band, with a featured performance by Christian Wills.



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