

5th Annual Nolan Fowler & Elaine Fowler Palencia



Freedom Singings




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Derryberry Hall Auditorium
Tennessee Technological University

You are an exceptional individual if you can name all of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. A 2006 survey found that only three Americans in 1,000 could name all five: speech, press, religion, assembly and petition. (<http://www.journalism.missouri.edu/news/2007/12-17-freedom-sings.html>)

Freedom Singings is a critically acclaimed multimedia experience featuring an all-star cast of musicians and an "only-in-America" story line. The presentation features music that has been banned, censored or has sounded a call for social change; and invites audiences to take a fresh look at the First Amendment.

"Freedom Singings" began in 1999 with the first of a continuing series of annual concerts at Nashville's famed Bluebird Cafe. The touring show began in 2001, and the group has since made appearances in 25 states and the District of Columbia. This entertaining, irreverent and inspiring program is packed with live music and video imagery, and features hit songwriters and Grammy Award winners devoted to sharing the power, passion and poetry of this music.

"Freedom Singings™" presents First Amendment information within the context of three centuries of banned or censored music in America. The program features live performances by hit songwriters and Grammy Award winners, along with video and live narration. "Music and musicians are a great way to remind our fellow citizens - particularly young adults - of the power, passion and value of free expression."



The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. [ABOUT THE FIRST AMENDMENT >](#)