

Emerald Evening: Celebrate Our Heritage Performance Information

Thank you for signing up to participate in the special performance at the **Emerald Evening: Celebrate Our Heritage Banquet!** Below are the important details you'll need to prepare for the event.

1. Performance Date & Time



Date: Saturday, June 20th, 2025



Performance Time: During the Emerald Evening Banquet



Location: Tuscany Suites, Siena Banquet Room

2. Package Information

Performers will need the **Youth Package #3-Four-Day Value Package** or **#4 Three-Day Value Package** to participate. * For participants over the age of 11 should reserve the adult package.

- The performance packages include:
 - Meet & Greet Welcome Event
 - Family Picnic
 - Entry to the Emerald Evening Banquet (no banquet dinner)
 - Dinner in the Hospitality Suite before the performance
 - Reunion T-shirt & gift bag

*If the 4-Day package is purchased it includes the Reflection Sunday Brunch

3. Rehearsal Schedule



Virtual Kickoff Meeting: Saturday, April 5th, 2025 @ 2:30 PM (Teams link below)






Virtual Rehearsals:

- Rehearsal 1: April 26th @ 2:30 – 3:30 PM
- Rehearsal 2: May 10th @ 2:30 – 3:30 PM
- Rehearsal 3: May 31st @ 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Each Meeting Use Link: Meeting link: [Celebrate Our Heritage Performance Kickoff Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)



Dress Rehearsal:

-  **Saturday, June 19th, 2025**
-  **5:30 PM**
-  **Hospitality Suite**

- **Dinner will be provided** before the performance
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4. Performance Details

Song Selection:

- "We are the World" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqjYoUbmAPs>
- Lyrics attached as PDF

Poem:



- Title: "Unlocking Our Legacy"
 - PDF attachment included for practice
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5. Attire

- **Attire:** Performers should wear something with green to align with the Emerald Evening's shades of green theme.
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6. Contact Information

For any questions or updates, please contact:

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7. Additional Notes

- Please make sure your child arrives at the dress rehearsal on time.
- Encourage your child to practice the song and poem regularly.
- There will be a brief group photo before the performance.

We are the World Lyrics

There comes a time
When we heed a certain call
When the world must come together as one
There are people dying
Oh, and it's time to lend a hand to life
The greatest gift of all

We can't go on
Pretending day-by-day
That someone, somewhere soon make a change
We're all a part of God's great big family
And the truth, you know, love is all we need

We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me

Oh, send them your heart
So they know that someone cares
And their lives will be stronger and free
As God has shown us by turning stones to bread
And so we all must lend a helping hand

We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving
Oh, there's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me

When you're down and out, there seems no hope at all
But if you just believe there's no way we can fall
Well, well, well, well let us realize
Oh, that a change can only come
When we stand together as one, yeah, yeah, yeah

We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me

We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let's start giving
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and mee

We are the world (are the world)
We are the children (are the children)
We are the ones who'll make a brighter day, so let's start giving (so let's start giving)
There is a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me

Oh, let me hear you!

We are the world (we are the world)
We are the children (said we are the children)
We are the ones who'll make a brighter day so let start giving (so let's start giving)
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me, come on now, let me hear you

We are the world (we are the world)
We are the children (we are the children)
We are the ones who'll make a brighter day so let's start giving (so let's start giving)
There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me, yeah

We are the world (we are the world)
We are the children (we are the children)
We are the ones who'll make a brighter day so let's start giving (so let's start giving)

There's a choice we're making
And we're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me

We are the world (are the world)
We are the children (are the children)
We are the ones who'll make a brighter day so let's start giving (so let's start giving)

There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me

We are the world, we are the world (are the world)
We are the children, yes sir (are the children)
We are the ones that make a brighter day so let's start giving (so let's start giving)

There's a choice we're making
We're saving our own lives
It's true we'll make a better day, just you and me, ooh-hoo!

We are the world (dear God) (are the world)
We are the children (are the children)
We are the ones that make a brighter day so let's start giving (all right, can you hear what I'm saying?)
There's a choice we're making, we're saving our own lives

Unlocking Our Legacy

From Richland Parish, roots run deep,
In fields of faith, where ancestors sleep.
Through trials and triumphs, they paved the way,
Their strength and their spirit still guide us today.

Keys of gold, passed hand to hand,
Unlocking the roots where we now stand.
Names and faces, stories once untold,
Binding our hearts with chains of gold.

From Richland Parish to Oklahoma's plains,
Through dust and dreams, through loss and gains.
Their journey stretched both far and wide,
Anchored by faith and family pride.

Through laughter and tears, through struggle and song,
We've held each other all along.
The Davis roots gave rise to many a name,
Yet one legacy unites us all the same.

So as we rise and stand side by side,
Unlocking our past with hearts open wide,
We honor the roots from which we came—
Forever linked by love and name.