

Florida Humanities Speakers Directory



Engaging Speakers



Compelling Topics



Thought-provoking
Discussions



Kitty Oliver

Author, Oral Historian, Singer

Dr. Kitty Oliver is an author, oral historian, media producer and professional singer with a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing and a Ph.D. focusing on race and ethnic communication. The native Floridian and former university professor is founder of the "Race and Change" historical archive of cross-cultural race and ethnic relations oral histories, the only one of its size and scope in the country. Her sought-after insights and research have been featured in books, public television and webcast radio productions, on CNN, and, most recently, in a standout interview in the Ron Howard Beatles documentary *Eight Days a Night—The Touring Years*. This in-demand artist also has a CD of original inspirational jazz music and weaves music, media and storytelling into her innovative, creative, uplifting programs on race and ethnic relations designed to bridge audiences across cultures and generations.

Programs Available

Race and Change: Women's Stories

How women deal with race, ethnicity, and gender in their everyday lives, told through video, radio programs, literary readings, and oral histories.

Race and Change Across Cultures and Generations: Florida Stories

How far we've come and how progress can be made that inspires our youth, drawing on an archive of over 125 oral histories of blacks, whites, Hispanics, Asians and Caribbeans from a variety of heritages.

An Evening of Jazz and Multi-colored Memories

A cabaret performance of inspirational jazz vocals and stories tracing the common journey of nativeborn Americans and immigrants adapting to life in a diverse society and social change.

Note: Additional charge for musical accompanist.

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Program Format:

• In-person

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