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Reverend Stefanie R. Minatee and Dr. Albert J. Lewis, Jr., in Conversation with Guy Sterling at the Newark Public Library



On Tuesday, November 15, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. the Newark Public Library will host local author and historian Guy Sterling in conversation with notable Newarkers Reverend Stefanie R. Minatee and Dr. Albert J. Lewis, Jr., as part of its continuing series Newark Lifetimes: Recollections and Reflections.

Artistic Director of the Grammy Award-winning

choir Jubilation Inc., Reverend Stefanie R. Minatee was born and raised in Newark. She graduated from Arts High School, then earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kean University, a Master of Theological Studies degree from Drew University Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary. Reverend Minatee taught vocal education in the Plainfield Public Schools for almost thirty years. In 2002 she was ordained as a minister, and now serves as the Associate Minister of the Community Baptist church in Englewood, New Jersey.

Dr. Albert J. Lewis, Jr., is the Executive Producer and Host of the nationally-syndicated *Dr. A. Lewis Gospel Hour* and *The Sound of Gospel and Good*. Born in Newark, Lewis attended Newark public schools, and received both bachelor and masters degrees from the Eastern Bible Institute of New Jersey, and his doctorate in Christian psychology from United Theological Seminary of

Orlando, Florida. In 1968, Dr. Lewis founded the World Gospel Musical Association. He serves as Minister of Music at First Zion Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey.

Guy Sterling is a former *Star Ledger* reporter and the author of *The Famous, the Familiar, and the Forgotten: 350 Notable Newarkers*.

The program will be held in Centennial Hall on the second floor of the Main Library at 5 Washington Street in Newark.

Also, on view before and after the program, on the Library's Third Floor Gallery, is the exhibit *Newark at 350: Settlement, Growth, Renewal*, which takes viewers on a journey through Newark's rich history from its founding by the Puritans in 1666 to the present day, and chronicles events that have not only shaped the city and the state, but the nation as well. Curated by librarian Thomas Ankner, the exhibit cases are filled with unique images from the Library's Charles F. Cummings New Jersey Information Center and the Special Collections Division. A dual arrangement of the cases provides both chronological and thematic approaches to the city's people, places, architecture, politics, institutions and education.

The program and exhibit are free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, please call 973-733-7793 or email rsvp@npl.org.

The exhibit, which is supported by the New Jersey Historical Commission, runs through December 31, 2016, and is on view during regular Library hours.

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