

## MCC Concert celebrates Paul Robeson

“Paul Robeson: The Giant in a Nutshell” is an award-winning portrait of the famous actor, singer, and civil rights activist, written and performed by Tayo Aluko.

Milton Community Concerts presents this powerful musical drama/lecture on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at First Parish of Milton (535 Canton Avenue) in its final concert of the season.

The remarkable Paul Robeson is brought vividly to life on this rollercoaster journey which covers his pioneering and heroic political activism, his music (featuring “Ol’ Man River” and other famous songs), much fiery oratory, and a defiant testimony to the House Un-American Activities Committee, led by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Mr. Robeson was a celebrated American bass-baritone in concert halls, on stage, and in film, and was also an important figure in the civil rights movement of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century.

Tayo Aluko has received extraordinary acclaim in his portrayal of Paul Robeson in his play “Calling Mr. Robeson” on stages across the UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Jamaica. In February of 2012 he received a standing ovation at Carnegie Hall, and in 2013 his play was staged in London’s West End. He won the “Outstanding Theatre Award” at the Brighton Fringe in 2016, “Best Musical Performance” at the Atlantic Fringe in Nova Scotia in 2013, and “Best Solo Show” at the Stratford-Upon-Avon Fringe in 2013. Critics commented: “A thrilling, moving, and marvelously entertaining musical drama”, “A must-see experience, a treasure of a show”, and “Simply told, but immensely powerful”. During this month

Mr. Aluko is presenting the story of Paul Robeson in Glasgow, Scotland, Vancouver, BC, and Milton, MA. He recently appeared at the dedication of Paul Robeson Plaza at Rutgers University in New Jersey, followed by a performance at the Paul Robeson Community School for the Arts.

Tickets for this performance are \$25 general/\$15 seniors/Free 18 and under, available at the door only. The venue is accessible and there is ample free parking. For more information visit [miltoncommunityconcerts.com](http://miltoncommunityconcerts.com) and [tayoalukoandfriends.com](http://tayoalukoandfriends.com).