



Frankie Muse Freeman

Frankie Muse Freeman is a St. Louis icon and hero. She is

widely known and respected for championing efforts that embrace civil rights and education. Ms. Muse Freeman was the first woman to be appointed to the Commission on Civil Rights by President Lyndon B. Johnson after signing the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 1982, Freeman joined 15 other former high federal officials who formed a bipartisan Citizens Commission on Civil Rights, a group committed to ending racial discrimination and devising remedies that could counteract its harmful effects.

For more than 70 years, Mrs. Muse Freeman has been working for equality and the betterment of people, not just in St. Louis but throughout the United States. She has extensive experience in the areas of housing, civil, probate law, and civil rights. She has represented individuals and corporations, not-for-profit organizations and municipal agencies in the state and federal courts.



The Black Rep

The Black Rep was founded in 1976 by Founder and Producing Director, Ron Himes. It is the premier, African American theatre company in the nation and the largest African American performing arts organization in Missouri. By 1986, the company became the only African American theatre in the Midwest to operate under contract with the Actor's Equity Association, guaranteeing union wages to its actors and stage manager. Their first theater residence was located at the Greeley Presbyterian Church (23rd Street Theater)

In the early 1990's, The Black Rep relocated to the heart of Grand Center to the renovated 467-seat Grandel Theater until 2013, reaching audiences of more than 25,000 people annually.

Today, The Black Rep continues to produce quality professional dramas, comedies and musicals by primarily African-American and third world playwrights. The company has produced the works of Pulitzer Prize winning playwrights, August Wilson, Athol Fugard, George C. Wolfe and Tony Kushner. In addition, the company maintains an award-winning Education and Community Program, including classes and workshops for adults and youth, touring productions, the Summer Performing Arts Program (SPA), the Teen Tech Program and the Professional Internship Program.

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Giving Guild

Ensuring the sustainability of The Black Rep



Entertaining Diverse Audiences

Educating Promising Youth

Enriching Our Community

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The Frankie Muse Freeman Giving Guild is an initiative that fulfills Attorney Frankie Muse Freeman's wish that the St. Louis Black Repertory Company (The Black Rep) be supported at the highest levels of the community. She wants to **ensure the viability of one of the remaining black theatre companies in the nation.** Ms. Freeman reminds us that we must never forget the struggles of black people and must ALL work together to overcome them. It does not matter if we are working for civil rights, education or the arts.

Attorney Frankie Muse Freeman challenges us all to be sustaining supporters of The Black Rep as it continues to bring the magic of live theatre to everyone by Entertaining Diverse Audiences, Educating Promising Youth, Enriching our Communities and perceiving the rich history of African-American culture.

Gifts of \$1000 or more are recognized with membership in the Frankie Muse Freeman Giving Guild. For more information on the benefits of membership, please visit www.theblackrep.org or contact Development Director, Gale Ingram at 314-885-3333

“ I think that everybody has an individual responsibly to make the world better, to make the community better. As long as we're living, we have a responsibility to keep active and do what we can”
— Frankie Freeman

How the Giving Guild Works

The Frankie Muse Freeman Giving Guild recognizes generous donors who make Annual Fund gifts to The Black Rep of \$1,000 or more.

The Annual Fund *strengthens The Black Rep's position in the community as a necessary African American cultural institution for the arts.* Gifts may be made by check, credit card (including secure online giving at theblackrep.org)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS	
The Muse	\$10,000 or more
Producer	\$5,000-\$9,999
Director	\$2,500-\$4,999
Star	\$1,500-\$2,499
Performer	\$1,000- \$1,499



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