

THE CITY OF ALBANY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## EXCERPTS FROM AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY IN SPOKEN WORD AND SONG

Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. | Albany City Hall

Nell Stokes will take participants on a unique journey through African American history using both spoken word and traditional Black spirituals. In this uniquely entertaining and informative performance, Ms. Stokes will share excerpts from over 500 years of blood, sweat, tears, pain struggle, triumph, laughter, and joy.



Sit-in Atlanta, Georgia circa 1960



Nell Stokes

Nell Stokes is a native of Montgomery Alabama who moved to the Capital District in 1963. She has consistently contributed to the Albany community by serving on numerous boards and working as a volunteer. She is a co-founder of the Black Women's Association of Albany and currently volunteers with the Wizard's Wardrobe tutoring program. While employed by the Albany YWCA in 1980, she created the Black American Essay Contest for students ages 8 to 18. Nell has written, directed and produced several plays with themes around education, faith, hope and love. She is also a poet who credits her inspiration to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

This event is free of charge and open to the public.

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