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## PRESS RELEASE

News For Immediate Release

*Celebrate Juneteenth with ARIA at their Juneteenth Wine Tasting Fundraiser Filled with Local Talent Honoring the African American traditions of Jazz and Comedy.*

**NEW HAVEN, CT (May 26, 2023) -**

*ARIA Invites You to Celebrate Juneteenth with neo-Jazz by The Kreative Spectrum and Stand Up Comedy at their First Annual Fundraiser!*

Join ARIA (Anti-Racism In Action, Inc.) in celebrating Juneteenth with an evening filled with wine tasting, jazz from New Haven's own, Kreative Spectrum and comedy from Keedolla, George Torres and Khalifornia Jones. Proceeds will support ARIA programs including History in Color, a Pre K-5 free, cultural curriculum that educates students about the tremendous historical contributions of Black, Indigenous, Latin X and other People of Color. The event takes place June 16, 2023 at Highville Charter School, 1 Science Park, New Haven from 6-10 pm.

Connecticut sent several Colored Regiments to fight in the Civil War including New Haven's own 29th Colored Regiment. "Juneteenth honors the strength of African Americans and illustrates the transformative power of communal action. It is a holiday for us all." says Ms. Rayna Walters, ARIA, Inc., CEO.

Juneteenth was first observed, 1865, in Galveston, TX when the last enslaved people learned of their freedom. The holiday is often observed with speeches from the elders, communal reflections and celebrations that include cookouts and red foods symbolizing strength.

Tickets to the Juneteenth Wine Tasting are available on Eventbrite and at ARIA's website: <https://www.antiracisminaction.org>.

#### ABOUT ARIA'S COFOUNDERS:

Rayna Walters, Garrett Griffin, Jr. and Kurt Zimmermann are New Haven charter and public school teachers. Together, they work to eradicate racism and end its associated traumas. ARIA offers a free anti-racist curriculum on its website, professional development for teachers and youth programs.