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**WEDNESDAY FOLK TRADITIONS
at
THE PORTER-PHELPS-HUNTINGTON MUSEUM
CONTINUES ITS 2023 SEASON WITH
REBELLE
June 21st, 2023 at 6:30 pm**

Hadley MA —

The Wednesday Folk Traditions concert series at *The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum* continues its 42nd season on June 21st at 6:30 pm with **ReBelle**. Conceived in love, rebellion, and the musical vigor of collaborators Manou Africa and Kalpana Devi, ReBelle demonstrates musicianship and vocals that are contemporary, vital, and spell-binding. The concert will be held on the grounds of the museum at 130 River Drive, Route 47, Hadley MA 01035. Admission is \$12, \$2 for children 16 and under. Payment is cash only. Picnickers are welcome on the museum's grounds starting at 5:00 pm. In the event of rain, performances will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hadley. The museum and its grounds are a smoke-free site. For further information please call (413) 584-4699 or view www.pphmuseum.org.

ReBelle was founded by collaborators Kalpana Devi and Manou Africa, who are musicians, composers, activists, parents, and upholders of love and justice. ReBelle performs eloquent compositions of pulsing rhythms and multi-instrumental arrangements combining Rasta, soul, folk, and poetic insurgence elements. They are internationally acclaimed, having performed in places such as Senegal and Cape Verde, and have received praise in numerous publications. Devi is the founding director of One Earth Drum Dance Company and the creator of Tuning Mastery Programs. In Devi's words, "Black Lives innovate, lead, teach, empower, create, make everything better, glow, inspire, contribute, *matter*." ReBelle has previously performed at the museum as part of our Wednesday Folk Traditions lineup and is returning to share their "new, intelligent and trail blazing music," as described by Dirty Linen Magazine. The Valley Advocate says: "ReBelle does some heavy channeling in their live shows. When ReBelle performs, concert halls become churches, and for several hours, at least, people come together."

Wednesday Folk Traditions continues on **June 28th** with **The Pangeans**, a seven-member world musical ensemble performing original compositions based on traditional rhythms from around the world.

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The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Foundation acknowledges that it occupies the unceded lands of the Nonotuck people. The Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum contains a collection of the belongings of several generations of one extended Hadley family, dating back to the house's establishment in 1752 by Moses and Elizabeth Porter. The farmstead, known as "Forty Acres and its Skirts," was a year-round home for generations before becoming a rural retreat for the family in the 19th century. The house and its activities include the labor and livelihood of many artisans, servants, and enslaved people. Their lived experiences are being brought to the forefront at the museum in the form of a new tour and reinterpretation initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The new tour foregrounds the lives of six enslaved men and women at the house: Zebulon Prutt, Cesar, Peg, Phillis, Rose, and Phillis. Additionally, the tour highlights the role "pastkeeping" by exploring the home's transition into a museum in the twentieth century. . Recently, the museum was designated the "Forty Acres and its Skirts National Historic District" by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Open June 3rd through October 15, Saturday through Wednesday. For more information check out our website at: www.pphmuseum.org or call the museum at (413) 584-4699.