

PEOPLES' VOICE



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The Peoples' Voice Cafe is an alternative coffeehouse offering quality entertainment. We provide a space for the artistic expression of a wide variety of humanitarian issues and concerns. The cafe is run as a not-for-profit collective, and is not affiliated with any political organization. New participating members and subscribers are always welcome. The Peoples' Voice Cafe's 2020–2021 season is supported in part by grants from The Folk Music Society of New York and The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist (Ethelwyn Doolittle Grant).

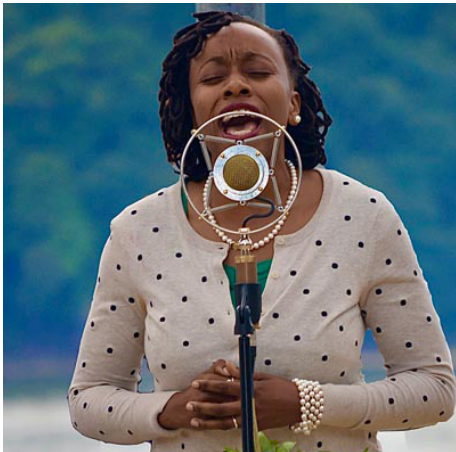
Saturday, May 15, 2021, 8 pm

WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!

**Music & Poetry Celebration with Fred Arcoleo, Shanika Anderson, Robert Gibbons, & Friends
Livestreamed from Word Up! Community Bookstore in Washington Heights**

Help us salute the international working class as it combats everything from a global pandemic to racist police terror, from homelessness and imperialist wars to environmental degradation. This inspiring trio will share fresh new songs, poems, and stories about workers around the world standing up and fighting back. "Workers always save the day!" Expect collaborations, improvisation, and surprises. And prepare to be inspired.

We request a \$12 contribution to help support these performers, whose usual access to public performance spaces has been limited by COVID; you can register online at peoplesvoicecafe.org. As PVC has a "nobody turned away" policy, we will also livestream the concert at no charge on our Facebook page. Help spread the word by clicking on "Going" or "Interested" on the Facebook Event Page.



Shanika Anderson

Shanika possesses a rare and magnificent voice. Growing up singing in the church, she started writing songs when she was 12. In her mid-20s, she began devoting her attention to music that spoke out against police brutality, systemic racism, and imperialist war, and promoted unity among working-class people of the world. Her song "Too Many Names," which pays tribute to victims of racist police murders, was featured in Kathleen Foster's award-winning documentary *Profiled*. She will leave you spellbound.

Fred Arcoleo

Pat Lamanna calls Fred "Don McLean meets Phil Ochs." His Rally Folk! Music addresses the difficult truths of our times with tenderness, optimism, and determination, informed by his 34 years as an urban high school teacher and a lifetime of political organizing. His latest CD *Today Again* reached #7 on the National Folk charts. His CDs are available by contacting the artist, and are also on all streaming outlets.

facebook.com/FredArcoleo.RallyFolkMusic/



Robert Gibbons

Robert channels Langston Hughes into a riveting amalgam of spoken word and music steeped in blues and gospel traditions. Three Rooms Press published his first collection of poetry, *Close to the Tree*, which Miriam Hipsh calls "deeply emotional truth-telling." Marc Primus remarks, "The poetry of Robert Gibbons flows from him like a mighty river." threeroomspress.com/authors/robert-gibbons/

See peoplesvoicecafe.org for more information.

Coming up June 12: Joe Jencks and Rod MacDonald