

## **Dar He The Lynching of Emmett Till**

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The St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc. is proud to present the Mike Wiley Production, Dar He: The Lynching of Emmitt Till at the Hayti Heritage Center Wednesday, March 7th at 7pm.

This riveting one man show tells the story of 14 year old Emmitt Till who was murdered in 1955 for one of the oldest forbidden taboos in American history, addressing a white woman in public. Abducted, severely beaten, and finally thrown into the Tallahatchie River with a weight fastened around his neck with barbed wire, Till's murderers were later arrested, but were acquitted in a court of law by an all white, all male jury. Emmett did not die in vain. His killing struck a cord across the nation, sparking what would later become the American Civil Rights Movement.

The Independent Weekly wrote "Mike Wiley is a rubber-faced, intensely physical actor and writer who can turn on the charm like nobody's business. When it comes to working a crowd, Wiley makes Bill Clinton look like a wallflower" Mike Wiley Productions' goal is cultural awareness through arts in education. Formerly of Richmond's Theatre IV and Staunton's Shenandoah Shakespeare Express, he has nearly ten years of experience in the field of "Theatre for Young Audiences." Over the past four years in addition to earning a Masters of Fine Art from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, he started a production company specifically to shine light on those untold stories from the African American past.

Admission for this event is \$10 (Adults) and \$5 (Students with I.D.) For more information about this event please visit our website at [www.hayti.org](http://www.hayti.org) or Mike Wiley Productions at [www.mikewileyproductions.com](http://www.mikewileyproductions.com) or contact Stevie Lawrence at (919) 683-1709 ext. 24, [slawrence@hayti.org](mailto:slawrence@hayti.org)

This event will be held at the Hayti Heritage Center located at 804 Old Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC 27701.