

**THE DAIS GLOBAL VOICES PROGRAM**  
**GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON NON-VIOLENCE:**  
**WHY DO WE NEED MAHATMA GANDHI &**  
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**Celebrating Mahatma Gandhi's**  
**151st Birth Anniversary**  
**&**  
**International Day for Non-Violence**  
**2nd October 2020, 03.00 PM - 04.00 PM PST**

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**WELCOME REMARKS**

**HERMINA  
JOHNNY**

**FOUNDER**

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**Pioneering business leader driving collective action through a holistic public-private partnership approach, spanning nearly every industry, and inclusive of Microsoft and UN member states. 15+ years of results leading successful global partnerships and innovation within global organizations and various foundations to actuate joint programming, broaden opportunities and strengthen alliances. She speaks out for the need for equality, justice, human rights, & women's empowerment. She works to level the playing field & increase the participation of women in STEM based studies & careers. She launched a collective action Global innovation & digital transformation project in collaboration with global industry leaders.**

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**WELCOME REMARKS**

**KESHAV GUPTA**

**FOUNDER**

**THE DAIS, INDIA**

**Keshav Gupta has been working with Youth, CBOs, Government bodies and International institutions towards achievement of SDGs. He founded The Dais in December 2014 as an organisation working towards youth empowerment & awarded the Global Green Schools Award at the UNGA Climate Action Week, NYC 2017. Having studied economics and subsequently law at the University of Delhi, Keshav has spent considerable time with legal institutions and has worked with grassroots organisations globally for rural development and livelihood generation. Keshav was awarded the REX Karmaveer Global Fellowship (#RKGf) and Karmaveer Chakra award instituted by iCONGO in Partnership with the United Nations for 2018-2019.**

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**MODERATOR**

**SIMMONE  
L. BOWE**

**MSC, SPHRI**

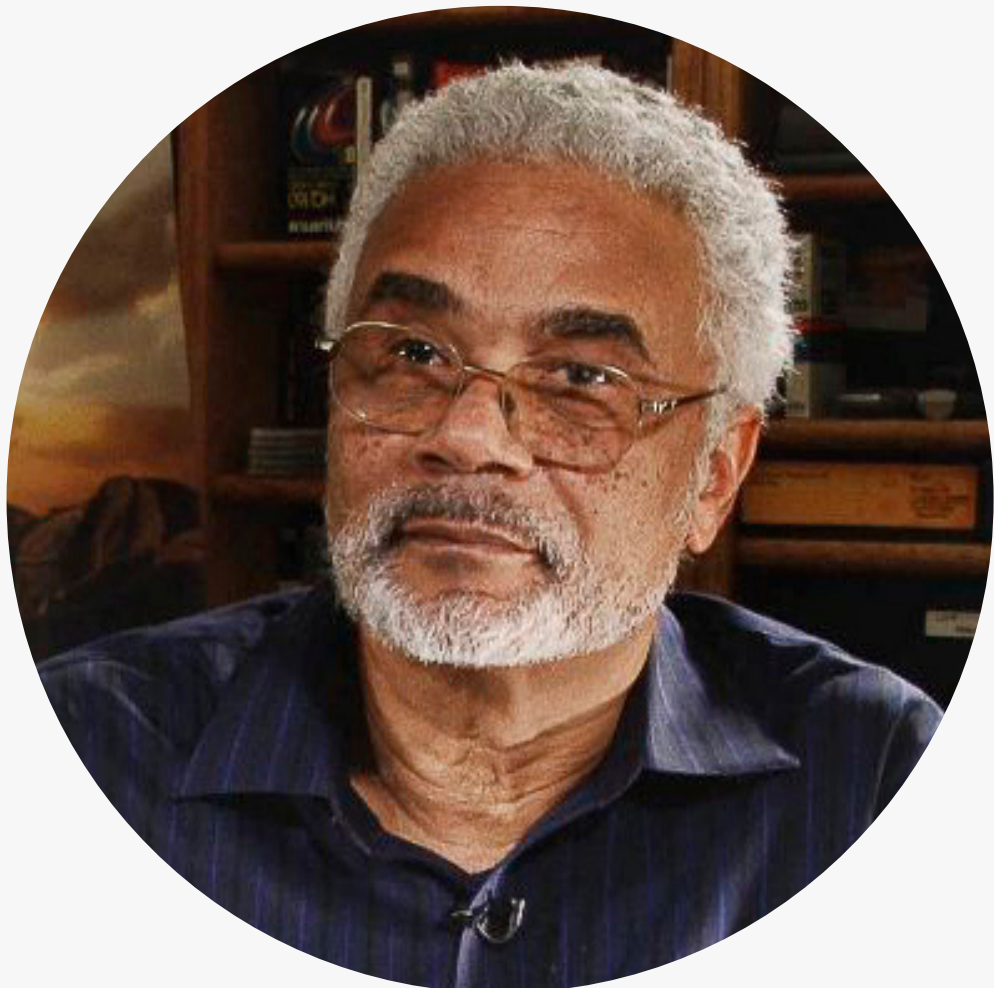
**THE LIMITLESS  
LIFE COACH**

**Simmone is a transformational speaker & corporate trainer, senior HR professional, author, personal development and career coach, mentor, singer, and activist. She is a thought leader in personal and organizational change, sharing the message of owning and unleashing personal power. She helps men, women, youth and organizations to get beyond limiting mindsets, habits, recurring problems, and processes that are hindering their well-being, growth, and results. Simmone has been named one of 31 Caribbean Women to Watch in 2016 and achieved numerous certifications in vocational education, HR administration, and training with a BA in English and MSc in Career and Human Resource Development.**

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**DR. CLAY  
CARSON**

**PROFESSOR OF  
AMERICAN HISTORY**

**& DIRECTOR OF THE  
MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR. PAPERS  
PROJECT**

During his undergraduate years at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Dr. Carson was a participant in and observer of African-American political movements. Since receiving his doctorate from UCLA in 1975, he has taught at Stanford University. Dr. Carson has also been a visiting professor at American University, the University of California, Berkeley, and Emory University as well as a Fellow at the Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford.

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**SPEAKER**

**MS.  
CONSOLEE  
NISHIMWE**

**AUTHOR,  
MOTIVATIONAL  
SPEAKER &**

**A SURVIVOR OF  
THE 1994  
GENOCIDE  
AGAINST THE  
TUTSI IN RWANDA**

**Consolee Nishimwe is an author, a motivational speaker and a survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. She suffered physical and emotional torture during her three months in hiding and miraculously survived with her mother and younger sister. Unfortunately, her father and three young brothers were murdered along with many other close relatives.**

**Today, Consolee is a committed speaker on the genocide, a defender of Women's rights and an advocate for other genocide survivors. In 2012, Consolee released her memoir Tested to the Limit: A Genocide Survivor's Story of Pain, Resilience and Hope.**

**In recognition of her courage and accomplishments, Consolee was awarded the 2013 ASALH Living Legacy Award, What better looks like Award, Her Hero Lifetime Achievement Award from Huntington National Bank and New York City Citation Award in recognition of her Tolerance as a victim of 1994 genocide against tutsi in Rwanda. She was hailed by the Together for Girls Organization in SAFE Magazine Issue #1, as one of 50 Global Heroes who help stop sexual violence against children.**

**Consolee currently lives in New York.**

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**SPEAKER**

**CLAUDIA  
RUSCHEL  
LIMA**

**FOUNDER  
BRASILINDIA**

**WORKING WITH  
INDIGENOUS  
COMMUNITIES IN  
BRAZIL & INDIA**

**Yoga teacher in the Satyananda Yoga system with training and specialization at Bihar School of Yoga, India. Ayurvedic therapist at Suddha Sabha Yoga Ashram and specializations and advanced courses in Brazil and India. Journalist by profession, worked on TVs and documentaries for many years until changed course to carry out useful, sustainable and coherent work for humankind and our planet.**

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**SPEAKER**

**MR. HOLLIS MEMINGER**

**HOLLYWOOD FILM  
CINEMATOGRAPHER**

**FOUNDER**

**BRIDGEBUILDER  
CINEMATIC ARTS**

Hollis Meminger is a renowned cinematographer with numerous film and television credits such as: *The Blacklist* (NBC), *Narcos* (Netflix) and *Younger* (TVLand). He is also a passionate documentarian, focusing on projects which feature the marginalized community. He is also the founder of Bridgebuilder Cinematic Arts. Bridgebuilder Cinematic Arts Program (BCAP) is a nonprofit founded in 2016 to introduce young women and men of color to careers in film and television. With locations in New York City, Baltimore, and St. Louis, BCAP has managed to secure itself as a fully immersive summer program that teaches both hard and soft skills while providing a holistic approach to individual development. They believe in creating an environment of learning where young minds are able to explore creative ways to tell their own stories.



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**PERFORMER &  
SPEAKER**

**SANJ HALL**

**KASHI YOGA  
FESTIVAL  
INDIA**

**SPIRITUAL MUSICIAN  
& GONGACHARYA**

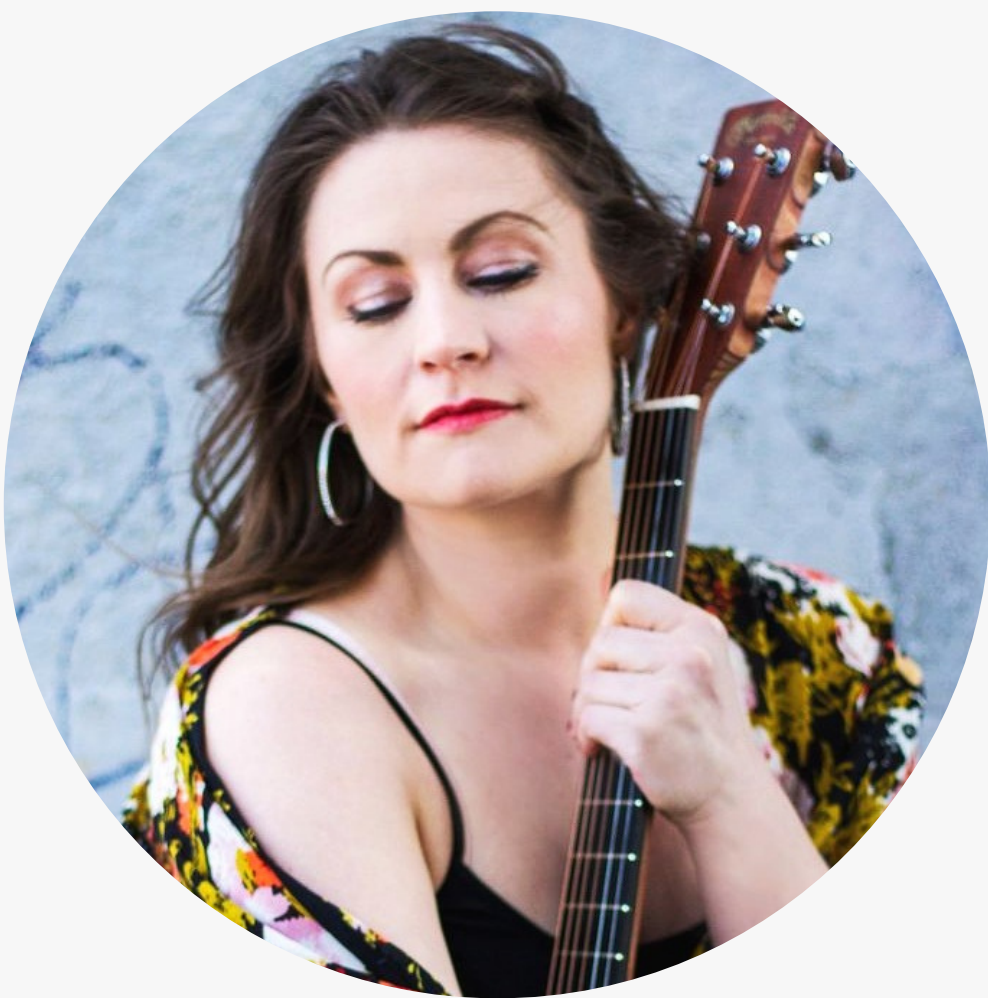
**FOUNDER  
THE ETERNAL SOUND**

**Sanj Hall, a traveling gong yogi and sound artist, performs meditative “free spiritual jazz” concerts worldwide both as a solo artist as well as in collaboration with other sound artists. He travels worldwide, spreading the goodness of gongs, singing bowls, handpan, drums, and many other instruments, touching many lives. Sanj practices Sound Healing and teaches widely across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.**

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**PERFORMER**

**KAT LIZ KRAMER**

**MUSICAL ARTIST  
BASED IN NEW YORK**

**Kat Liz Kramer has been performing from a young age. She espouses finding your identity through music. Singing since she could talk, dancing since she could walk, the stage is her home. She began her professional career in the ballet and musical theatre world. At the age of fifteen Kat was accepted to The Orange County High School of the Arts, where she majored in voice. This is where she found love for the guitar eventually writing and playing her own music while singing her own lyrics. Her first song was written at fifteen. Kat explored life's experiences that then began an era of writing music that took her around the world beginning in Los Angeles traveling to every continent and landing back in the states to NYC. Now, Kat's music is inspired by the hustle and bustle of the big city.**



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## **GUIDING QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION**

- 1. Would Gandhi and King be relevant in 2020 given the resurgence of issues around race and caste relations?**
  - Is this the time for their brand/approach?**
  - Would their style of leadership work in 2020?**
- 2. When was the first time that you learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi?**
  - What qualities of the two leaders resonated with you during that time and why?**
- 3. Has your understanding of Gandhi Ji and Dr. King changed or evolved over a period of time?**
  - What qualities, values and vision of the two leaders, resonate with you today?**



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**4. Seems like we have done a 180 on these issues; Inequalities based on colour, place of origin, socio-economic background, caste, etc., have again raised its insidious head. What do you think Gandhi Ji and Dr. King would have done to address issues of inequality brought forth by the pandemic to help people cope better? What would be the one message from their lives which you think resonates the most to heal the world during the current time?**

**-In time of hardship and crisis why is it so easy to race bait?**

**5. Is there one quality of either of the two leaders which you still aspire to possess?**

**- Which quality and why?**

**- Do you think that today's youth need to revisit the lessons learnt, mastered and applied by Dr. King and Gandhi Ji for a a stronger fight for justice, peace and equality?**



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**6. What are the two challenges in the current world and the future which you would have wanted to take advice from Gandhi Ji & Dr. King?**

**-Why these particular challenges?**

**-How would you address the same challenge as per your own experience?**

**-Would it be different from the two leader's approach, if yes, why/if not, why not?**

**7. Covid-19 May have served to shine a light on the inequities in many societies. Why is that in some places the persons most affected are black or brown people?**



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**JOINING INSTRUCTIONS ON ZOOM**

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**Time: Oct 2, 2020**

**03:00 PM - 04.30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING**

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