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**THE [SPONSORING ORGANIZATION] HOSTS MONTANA CONVERSATION "RACE AND CHANGE ACROSS CULTURES AND GENERATIONS: A JOURNEY IN STORIES AND MUSIC” KITTY OLIVER**

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The [sponsoring organization] hosts Montana Conversation "Race and Change Across Cultures and Generations: A Journey in Stories and Music" with Kitty Oliver on [date of program]. The program is at [location and time of program]. The presentation is free and open to the public. Funding for Montana Conversations is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana’s Cultural Trust, and private donations. We are funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana’s cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.

This multimedia program blends memoir and music with cross-cultural stories and research into an innovative dialogue on the complexities of race and ethnic relations in the U.S. today with international perspectives. Drawing on her landmark Race and Change Oral Histories archive of native-born and immigrant voices that she is expanding in her travels, Dr. Kitty Oliver explores how far we’ve come and how progress can be made in a hopeful way that inspires our youth. Her presentation sparks new approaches to the discussion of Race and Change in our personal lives and our local communities.

Kitty Oliver is a veteran journalist, author, oral historian, media producer, and recording artist who has an MFA in Creative Writing and a Ph.D. in Comparative Studies focusing on race and ethnic communication. She has been featured on *CNN* and in the Ron Howard documentary on The Beatles and her books and public television documentaries are used widely in colleges. She is a frequent visitor to Montana.

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