



**The mission of the Memphis Friendship Foundation is to create opportunities for building friendships based on mutual understanding and respect among people of all races, cultures and faiths.**

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# **First Annual Memphis Friendship Foundation Award Banquet**

**April 24, 2019 • 6:00-8:00 pm**

**Opera Memphis**

6745 Wolf River Blvd. • Memphis, TN 38120





We are proud to present as our first recipient of the Friendship Award to

Mr. Daryl Davis

**NOW RESIDING IN** Silver Spring, MD, Chicago native Daryl Davis graduated from Howard University with a degree in Jazz. As a pianist, vocalist and guitarist, he performs nationally and internationally with The Daryl Davis Band, he has also worked with such notables as Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley's Jordanaires, The Legendary Blues Band and many others. While music is his fulltime profession, seeking to improve race relations nationwide, has become a fulltime obsession.

After witnessing one of Daryl's Rock'n'Roll/Boogie Woogie performances, a man told him he'd never seen a Black man play piano like Jerry Lee Lewis. The man at first had a hard time believing Daryl's explanation of the Black origin of Lewis's style, but soon became a regular fan of Daryl's. Turns out, he was a member of the Ku Klux Klan. This experience led to Daryl becoming the first Black author to travel the country interviewing KKK leaders and members, all detailed in his book, Klan-Destine Relationships. Today, Daryl owns numerous Klan robes and hoods, given to him by active members who became his friend and renounced the organization and their racist ideology.

Davis has received the Elliott-Black and MLK awards as well as numerous other local and national awards for his work in race relations, and is often sought by CNN, MSNBC and many other media outlets as a consultant on the KKK and race relations. He lectures nationwide and abroad on the topic.

In addition to being a musician, author and lecturer, Daryl is also an actor with stage and screen credits. He appeared in the critically acclaimed HBO police drama, The Wire, and most recently, he is the subject of the documentary Accidental Courtesy, which filmed his real life encounters with Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazi leaders a he helps to dismantle racism across the United States.

For more information, please visit [www.DarylDavis.com](http://www.DarylDavis.com).

## Contact

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Five \$1000 Memphis Friendship Foundation/Starbucks Foundation scholarships will be presented to graduating high school seniors from the Greater Memphis area.

## Sponsorships Opportunities

### Platinum Sponsor . . . Donation of \$3,500

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## Attendance

### Table Sponsor...\$600

- 8 Dinner Tickets at the Award Ceremony

### Single Dinner Ticket...\$100

Your \$100 ticket includes dinner, entertainment, words of thanks from the MFF/Starbucks scholars and an address by this year's awardee. (cash bar will be available)