



“Earth and soul cry out for conversation....It is time to reweave connections for the sake of mutual thriving.”

–Leah Rampy,

Earth & Soul:Reconnecting amid Climate Chaos

SINGING THE TREES

Reweaving connections in edge times

April 19-21, 2024

at Rolling Ridge Study Retreat, Harpers Ferry, WV
with Leah and David Rampy and Lindsay McLaughlin

“When I am among the trees...they give off such hints of gladness.

I would almost say that they save me, and daily...”

–Mary Oliver

Poised on the edge of loss, we yearn for connections that offer solace and possibility. **In the place where language fails, music invites us into ever-deeper relationships with all beings - and with our heart’s longing.** Trees, our elders who have graced this Earth far longer than the human family, beckon us to wisdom, beauty, and peace. Join us as we sing and chant, engage in rich conversations, embrace attentive silence around and within, and exchange intangible,

priceless gifts with the trees around us.

Note: *You need not consider yourself a singer nor even feel that you can carry a tune; all are welcome to join in!*

Join us to

- Sing your heart out
- Wander in the spring woods
- Rest in deep Silence
- Participate in ceremony and council to encourage the soul
- Dance in sacred circles
- Listen to story both ancient and wild
- Weave community

Fees:

\$385 - single

\$285 - (each) shared

\$200 - cordwood cottage (“glamping”)

\$185 - camping (bring your own tent)

Register at Friends of Silence (www.friendsofsilence.net)

Rolling Ridge is 1400 acres of protected land nestled between the Appalachian Trail and the Shenandoah River. Trails wander through the forest, over stony brooks and yes, under the oaks, maples, tulip poplars and many others who make their home here. The Retreat House is a lovely and simple cabin in the woods, a shared space with kitchen, dining area, living room and seven bedrooms.

Leaders: **David Rampy** has sung in opera houses around the world and taught vocal music to individuals of all ages. He enjoys helping others open to music as a spiritual practice. **Leah Rampy** is an experienced retreat leader and the author of *Earth & Soul: Reconnecting amid Climate Chaos*. **Lindsay McLaughlin** has been leading retreats that explore nature and soul at Rolling Ridge for more than a decade.

