

"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 11-13, 2025

at Wellspring Retreat and Conference Center, Germantown, MD 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

Living amid growing 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:

\$475- single \$425 - (each) shared Includes lodging, six meals, and program Email Lindsay to inquire about scholarships (Lindsay.mclaughlin66 @gmail.com)

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



Wellspring is nestled in a two-hundred-acre wooded site just north of Washington, D.C. and offers a lovely setting and accommodations that reflect a commitment to simplicity and sustainability,

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 for more than a decade.

The retreat begins at 5 pm on Friday (supper included) and ends after lunch on Sunday.