



**Civic Hall Performing Arts Center**  
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**Allan Harris presents *Cross That River***  
2023-2024 Proudly Presenting Series  
Performance: Friday, February 16, 2024 at 6:00pm

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Allan Harris has created an epic song cycle portraying the life and struggles of an African-America cowboy during the slavery and early Reconstruction years. *Cross That River* represents a significant moment in American History, and tells a story that's never been told. The unsettled West of the 1860's provides a new life and new dreams for Blue, a run-away slave, who escapes from slavery to Texas to become one of America's first Black Cowboys. This compelling tale of freedom integrates fiction with historical fact, and each song presents a different page in this complicated chapter of American History. The story of Blue begins in Louisiana, and with every song of this highly-infectious score, the audience is moved further along on Blue's harrowing journey across the Sabine River to freedom in the Wild West. Each song tells a unique story, at times joyful, sometimes tragic, but mostly a poignant chronicle of enduring perseverance. Songs: *Cross That River*, *Blue Was Angry*, *Mail Order Woman*, *Dark Spanish Lady*, *I Believe*, and *Mule Skinner*.

Good seats are available for the performance at 6:00pm; \$45 for adults, \$37 for students, with group rates available. Call the Civic Hall Box Office for tickets: 765-973-3350, or visit [www.civichall.com](http://www.civichall.com). Box Office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:30am - noon and 1:00pm-4:00pm. Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards are happily accepted. There is a \$1.00 fee for mailing ticket orders and a \$5.00 fee for credit card processing.

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