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## SPECIAL EVENT



# CODED MESSAGES AND SONGS OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

January 15, 2020

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lecture Hall • Performing Arts Center

Valley Vista High School

15550 N. Parkview Pl. Surprise

**Guest Speaker:**  
Dr. Tamika Sanders

Dr. Sanders is an educator and the founder of Savvy Pen, a company that works with schools to build inclusive classrooms and create programs that incorporate arts learning to bridge cultural and socioeconomic divides.



Communication and secrecy were key to the successful operation of the Underground Railroad. Safety was more important than quickness. Both fugitive slaves and members of the Underground Railroad learned to code and decode hidden messages, and to disguise signs to avoid capture.

There were code names for routes and code numbers for towns.

Using storytelling, activities and songs, this presentation will depict the ingenuity and resiliency used by those involved in the Underground Railroad to help over 100,000 slaves escape to freedom between 1810 and 1850.

MUSIC BY:

Phoenix Women's Chorus

Gideon Mission Baptist  
Church Choir

Valley Vista High School Choir

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