

New Bedford's Zeiterion Performing Arts Center cancels the "Edward Twins" performance for use of blackface

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center has canceled The Edward Twins performance on May 2 due to their use of blackface. The Edwards Twins are impersonators and, although they were not impersonating artists of color on the Zeiterion stage, they do impersonate them at other venues. Our community let us know that the fact they use blackface at all, is what matters.

Blackface perpetuates systemic racism, which contributes to the marginalization of black people, and the marginalization of anyone jeopardizes the safety of our community. The use of blackface by any performer regardless of their stated intent, is dehumanizing and to dehumanize any group of people does not reflect the values of the Zeiterion.

Booking this show has caused pain to members of our community and for that we are deeply sorry. As a result, it has led us to reflect as an organization and commit to policies that cultivate an environment of inclusivity. As we continue this work, we welcome feedback from you. Please send comments, questions or concerns to Rosemary Gill, Executive Director, Programming and Development, at RGill@Zeiterion.org or by phone at (508)997-5664.

Ticket holders may contact the box office at (508) 994-2900 to apply their tickets to another show, a gift certificate, a tax-deductible donation, or to receive a refund.