

Ideas at Ford with Charles Blow

“Ideas at Ford” is a conversation series that dives into complex social justice issues of our time, aiming to unpack solutions that enlighten and inspire. Hosted at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice by *New York Times* columnist Charles M. Blow, each episode features dynamic conversations on topical issues connected to the Foundation’s central mission to fight inequality. This video is a promotional video highlighting the conversation series.

CHARLES BLOW: Welcome to “Ideas at Ford with Charles Blow,” where we bring together some of the world’s best and most innovative thinkers-

[A montage featuring moments of Charles Blow in conversation with guests on stage.]

BILLIE JEAN KING: I always want each generation: to not just think about yourself, but to think about the groundwork you are laying for the next generations.

CHARLES BLOW: And should we be thinking about the heartland differently?

GABE BROWN: Let’s come together and find common ground for common good.

KEVIN BACON The antidote for despair is always activism.

CHARLES BLOW: Can you share with this audience how you became so interested in this particular issue?

MATT DAMON: I realized had someone not had the foresight to sink this borewell within walking distance, this girl would not be in school.

VEDIKA BHANDARKAR: That’s the power of water.

JOYELLE NICOLE JOHNSON: I think you just have to make it as personal as possible.

STEPHANIE “SPARKLE” EDWARDS: We need to believe young girls and women.

JES TOM: As a comedian, I feel very strongly about, like, the gathering of real people in real life.

DR. ABDUL EL-SAYED: You and I found each other and we got to have this amazing experience.

CHARLES BLOW: When we come together, sharing our unique perspectives, we can spark inspiration, motivation, and change.

Names of featured guests:

Billie Jean King & Clara Wu Tsai

Kevin Bacon & Gabe Brown

Matt Damon, Vedika Bhandarkar, & Kiki Tazkiyah

Stephanie “Sparkle” Edwards & Aishah Shahidah Simmons

Dr. Abdul El-Sayed & Jes Tom

Roy Wood Jr. & Joyelle Nicole Johnson

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