



**May 18 | 4pm**

# **ANNUAL SPRING GOSPEL CONCERT**

**Lafayette Inspirational Ensemble**  
**Janis Russell, Director**

*Special guest: The Lafayette Band*





The Ensemble joined beloved author and publisher Cheryl Willis Hudson and acclaimed artist London Ladd in a reading of her new picture book *"When I Hear Spirituals"*.



Members of the Ensemble performed at congregation Rodeph Shalom during Black History month.

## *Order of Program*

Master of Ceremonies ~ Craig Bannister

Welcome ~ Rev Emily Brewer

## **The Ensemble**

**The Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Band**

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# *Order of Music*

## **The Ensemble**

Praise Him Rev. Dr. Seth Baah

*Jane Adams, Johnsie Cheatham*

Lift Every Voice and Sing James Weldon Johnson

Arr. Aaron Williams

See How They Done My Lord Glen Burleigh

I Got A Testimony Rev. Clay Evans

*Janis Russell*

Down In the River To Pray Traditional

*Maya Graves*

Completely Yes Dr. Arenia Mallory

*Sally White*

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## **The Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Band**

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## **The Ensemble**

How I Got Over Clara Ward

*Janis Russell*

Why Me Lord Kris Kristofferson

*Andrew Rose Gregory*

Study War No More Traditional

*Michael Finch*

I Shall Wear A Crown Richard Smallwood

Hallelujah Amen Nolan Williams

**The Lafayette Inspirational Ensemble** has developed a reputation as one of the most exciting and innovative choirs in all New York. Even the Village Voice named the Ensemble as the best in their, "The Best of New York City" series. The Ensemble performed with Prudence Mabhena & Liyana, the Zimbabwean Group from the Oscar winning documentary, "Music By Prudence," at their American debut presented by the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus. The Ensemble has performed for President Bill Clinton, Pope John Paul II and Nelson Mandela. They have performed many times at BAM: in Donald Byrd's critically acclaimed Harlem Nutcracker, at the annual Martin Luther King Tribute and for BAM's Gospel Brunch series. The Ensemble has performed with Taj Mahal, Fontella Bass, Pete Seeger, and David Amram and has recorded with John Cale and Carole Fredericks. The group joined legal scholar and author, the late Derrick Bell for a number of presentations from his works.

The Ensemble was featured in "*Body of War*" the award winning documentary by Phil Donohue and Ellen Spiro. Television appearances include the TV series *Toni On! New York*, the Odyssey Network's documentary series, *Sewing Seeds* and a Welsh documentary focusing on American music traditions. Award shows include the Brooklyn Philharmonic Gala Benefit, the Fifi Awards, the Gotham Film Awards and the TriBeCa film festival. The Ensemble has also performed during half-time at the Barclay's Center.

The Ensemble has appeared in three off Broadway productions; "*Slain In the Spirit*" a Rock Opera by Taj Mahal, David Greig's internationally acclaimed play "*The Events*" at the New York Theater Workshop and in the award winning play "*The Christians*" at Playwrights Horizon. The Ensemble appears in the video "*Bug Like An Angel*" by award winning singer, songwriter Mitski.

**The Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Band** plays original songs and their own arrangements of classic spirituals and soul tunes. They gravitate toward songs with a social justice message and ones that are just fun to play.

# THE LAFAYETTE INSPIRATIONAL ENSEMBLE

Janis Russell ~ Director

Alex Eastman – Tenor	Lynn Stirrup – Alto
Andrew Rose Gregory – Tenor	Kelsey Swift - Alto
Barbara Dahl - Alto	Margot Boyer-Dry – Soprano
Camille Anderson – Soprano	Mary Zack Cusack – Soprano
Charlie Holder Foster - Tenor	Maya Graves - Alto
Christina Pagano – Alto	Michael Finch - Baritone
Cigmond Meachen – Tenor	Nelson Kezoh - Baritone
Folake Oguntebi Protheroe-Alto	Patricia Windsor – Soprano
Frank Gresham – Baritone	Richard Burlage – Baritone
Horace Anderson – Baritone	Sally Dyson – Tenor
James Lee - Tenor	Sally White - Alto
Jane Adams - Soprano	Susan Farwell - Soprano
Jean Holland - Tenor	Tina Houck – Soprano
Johnsie Cheatham - Alto	Urey Onuoha – Alto
Joylynn Holder-Foster – Alto	

Aaron Williams & J. David Williams ~ Piano

Mike Weatherly ~ Bass, Banjo

Chris Almeida ~ Drums

## Gone but never forgotten

Today as we celebrate 34 years of inspirational music, we remember the many voices who have passed through the Ensemble over the years. We hold dear all of those who have gone on to the heavenly choir.

Oliver Williams Jr

Patricia Hipplewith

Glenn Banks

Judy Thurston McNeil

Desdemone Bardin

Ronald E Jones

Hannah P. Rogers

Cie Shepperson

Alison Kearney

Ted Williams

John Williams

Phyllis Cameron

Rod Suter

Laitha Caitlin

Kevin Vouse

Harold Smith

Valencia Gordon



*On March 31,  
Suzanne England  
joined the heavenly  
chorus.*

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