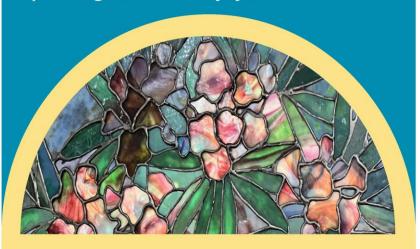


ANNUAL SPRING GOSPEL CONCERT

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

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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



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