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THE SPIRIT OF BROADWAY

Unity of Sacramento

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The Spirit of Broadway!

SUMMER BENEFIT CONCERT

A fun musical night celebrating our favorite
inspirational songs from Broadway.


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JULY 23, 2022

7:00PM

9249 FOLSOM BLVD, SAC



Unity of Sacramento Department of Music and Arts

PRESENTS

THE SPIRIT OF BROADWAY

Musical Director
Chet Chwalik

Choir Director
Dahlia Kilson



July, 23, 2022

Welcome to Unity of Sacramento!

Thank you for joining us for The Spirit of Broadway Benefit Concert at Unity of Sacramento International Spiritual Center. We are excited to have you with us! On behalf of our Board of Trustees and all our members and friends, we welcome you to our campus! At Unity of Sacramento, we are an intentionally radically inclusive spiritual community. No matter your race, creed, color, religious affiliation or lack thereof, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation, we believe you are a person of sacred worth and you are welcome to journey with us here.

We also believe in the power of music to inspire, transform lives and bring people together in harmony and in love. Our Music and Arts Ministry reflects our values of inclusion, unconditional love and excellence. It is our intention that your soul is not only uplifted by the music, but inspired by the excellence of all of our artists, musicians and performers.

Tonight's Summer Benefit Concert is the brainchild of yours truly and the late Rev. Charles Cooper, Jr. It was the last project that we worked on together, before his transition. Our intention was to create a program that paid tribute to the great Broadway Musicals. As avid supporters of the arts, we were both affected when Broadway had to close its doors, due to the pandemic. We decided then and there that when our doors reopened, our next summer benefit concert would be "The Spirit of Broadway!" Tonight, our most dedicated team, under the direction of Rev. Charles' long-time colleague and dear friend, Mr. Chet Chwalik, and Charlie's protégé and friend, Ms. ReDahlia Kilson will complete his final act and tonight's concert is dedicated to him.

Your presence and your support will assist us with preserving the arts on our campus, but also will help us Bring the Campus Back to Life and Bring Life Back to the Campus, and spread more love, light, and joy in these most challenging and dark times.

Thanks so much for your support, and enjoy the show!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Key Kirtrell Ross".

Rev. Key
Kevin Kirtrell Ross
Senior Minister/ CEO
Unity of Sacramento International Spiritual Center



SONGS

Act I

Act I Overture Chakra

The Circle of Life..... M: Elton John, L: Tim Rice
Soloist, Corey Winfield

He Lives In You M Mancina, Jay Rifkin, Lebo M
Soloist, Corey Winfield; Choir

The Schuyler Sisters Lin-Manuel Miranda
Angelina Maria Ross, Kameela Kitrell Ross,
Sophia Olivia Marie Damiano, Zoe Marshall

You'll Be Back Lin-Manuel Miranda
Soloist, Angelina Maria Ross

If I Were A Rich Man M: Jerry Bock, L. S. Harnick
Soloist, James McKay

Ease On Down the Road Charlie Smalls
Soloist, Deja Donaldson

So You Wanted To Meet The Wizard Charlie Smalls
Soloist, Rev Kevin Kitrell Ross

Believe in Yourself Charlie Smalls
Soloist, Rev Kevin Kitrell Ross

Home Charlie Smalls
Soloist, Dahlia Kilson

I'll Be There BWest HDavis WHutch, B.GordyJr.
Soloist, Melody Germany

Baby I Need Your Lovin' B. Holland, L. Dozier, and E. Holland Jr.
Soloist, William Mininfield

My Favorite Things Rodgers and Hammerstein
Soloist, Sarah Sy

Somewhere Leonard Bernstein
Soloist, Carrie Hennessey

Listen H.Krieger A.Preven S.Cutler, BK
Soloist, Dasia Kilson

The Color Purple..... BRussell, AWillis, SBray
Soloist, Quintina Paris; Choir

INTERMISSION

SONGS

Act II

Act II Overture Chakra

Maybe Charles Strouse
Soloist, Sarah Sy

Tomorrow Charles Strouse
Soloist, Sarah Sy

Make Them Hear You M: Stephen Flaherty, L: L.Ahrens
Soloist, Rev Eric Ovid Donaldson

Mercy, Mercy Me Marvin Gaye
Soloist, Melody Germany

Ain't Too Proud To Beg N. Whitfield and E. Holland Jr.
Soloist, William Mininfield

Family Henry Krieger, L: Tom Eyan
Corey Winfield, Dasia Kilson, Dahlia Kilson, Quintina Paris

Motown Medley
Reach Out and Touch Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson
Stop in the Name of Love Holland-Dozier-Holland
Ain't No Mountain High Enough N. Ashford and V. Simpson
Dasia Kilson, Dahlia Kilson, Quintina Paris

For Good Stephen Schwartz
Carrie Hennessey, Sarah Sy

You and Me, But Mostly Me TParker RLopez, Matt Stone
Rev Kevin Kitrell Ross, Rev Eric Ovid Donaldson

Why We Build The Wall Anais Mitchell
Dennis Cain, Ensemble

Seasons of Love Jonathan Larson
Ensemble

Encore: We Come From Greatness Rev. Charles Cooper
All

GUEST VOCALISTS

(in alphabetical order)



Dennis Cain, Vocalist

Dennis is thrilled to be a part of the Summer Concert at Unity of Sacramento. He has performed in musical and dramatic productions at theaters in the greater Sacramento area, including the Sutter Street Theatre, Auburn State Theatre, and most recently with the Rise-up Theater Company. Dennis loves to sing and regularly performs at a variety of venues, as a soloist and with local singing groups.



Melody Germany, Vocalist

Melody Germany is the third of four children born to Margret and Richard Germany. She is a native Californian and a graduate of Oakwood College. Her family has a rich musical heritage, her father had a beautiful baritone voice and her mother plays both piano and organ. Thus, her mother named her Melody, hoping she would be able to sing. Melody is humbled to use the gifts given by God in ministry for Him.

Among her accolades are numerous musical play productions: singing in "The Dream Goes On" for 4 years, under the direction of Lisa Lacy and Rev. Charles Cooper (all original music), portraying one of the original 4 little girls who died in the 16th street bombing; also singing for various women's ministries, in Chicago, Seattle and California, as well as the presidential inauguration of Dr. Heather Knight at PUC in 2009. Music is definitely in her DNA, and she says... "Oh, I love to sing Praises about Him!"

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Carrie Hennessey, Soprano

Known for her soaring voice and richly nuanced characters, soprano Carrie Hennessey is consistently thrilling audiences and critics in opera and concert appearances around the world. As Kat'á in Kat'á Kabanová, "in a vivid star turn in the title role...brought a wondrous blend of silvery tone and sinuous phrasing to her assignment...Hennessey's performance touched perfectly on Katya's anxiety, joys and uncertainty, all through a surge of Puccinian

lyricism." - Joshua Kosman, San Francisco Chronicle Notable highlights include Blanche Du Bois in A Streetcar Named Desire, Elle in La Voix Humaine, collaborating on and performing world premiere comic ballet "On the Rocks, Please!" with Sacramento Ballet as well as appearing with orchestras all across Europe including the International Mahler Festival in the Czech Republic.

Ms. Hennessey delights in giving workshops and Master Classes as well as nurturing a thriving private vocal studio. She is currently writing a one woman show about her life. Subscribe to her email list www.carriehennessey.com and follow on social media [@carriehennessey](https://www.instagram.com/carriehennessey) for updates in the creative process!



Dahlia Kilson, Vocalist

Born into a family of both Spiritual and secular musicians, "Dahlia" Has been singing since the age of 5. Her influences include a classical jazz foundation with nods to Gospel and Soul music greats.

Since 2018, under the mentorship of the late, great Rev. Charles Cooper, Jr. and currently beside the Director of the Music and Arts Department, Chet Chwalik, Dahlia serves to live out her passions for music in community as choir director of Unity of Sacramento.



Rhodashia Kilson-Lang, Vocalist

Rhodashia Kilson-Lang is known as Dasia by her family and friends. She is a 32 year old wife to her wonderful husband Julian of 8 years and mother of two boys. She is 3rd of 6 children who loves her nieces and nephews as if they were her own.

Singing is one of her many passions as well as caring for children, advocating and teaching the differently abled and thriving! She was born and raised in the church where her father pastors. She loves to laugh, be outdoors and hang out with friends. A God fearing woman with a servants heart and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

(in alphabetical order)

James McKay, Vocalist

James is a guest singer from The Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, who is a father and computer engineer in his spare time. Just starting his singing career, he's looking forward to entertaining people with a voice that usually only the shower gets to enjoy. Ask him about his projects if you have too much time on your hands.



William Mininfield, Vocalist

Born and raised in Berkeley, California. Earned Bachelors of Music Education (voice). Taught elementary/middle school choir. Performs several genres of music, including classical, jazz, R&B, sacred and show tunes.



Quintina Paris, Vocalist

Quintina Paris is a vocal instructor and accomplished background singer. A Tulsa, Oklahoma native, affectionately known as "Tina" to her family and friends. Former Vocal coach, singer, actress of IMAGES THEATRE COMPANY under the direction of Lisa Lacy. Her credits include California Musical Theatre's MLK project, AND THE DREAM GOES ON, WINGS OF FREEDOM, MA ROSE, WE COME FROM GREATNESS-LEGACY II, LOST AND FOUND. As a professional, Quintina has had the pleasure of performing on stage with Kevin Lemons and Higher Calling, Howard Hewitt, Karen White, Jay King, Glen Jones, Miranda Curtis, Tracy Carter, Zebulon Ellis, Crystal Aikin, Kirk Whalum & Peter White just to name a few. Quintina would like to thank her friends and family for their continued love and support

(in alphabetical order)

Sarah Sy, Vocalist

Sarah Joy Polante Sy is a Northern California-based soprano and has recently finished a Master of Music with a concentration in performance. She has finished her two concurrent undergraduate degrees: a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance at California State University, Sacramento, and a Bachelor in Fine Arts: Music Production and Sound Design at Academy of Art University, San Francisco.

She performs with Schola Cantorum directed by Don Kendrick and has been an audio engineer and an international recording artist with performances in Manila, Vancouver, and London. Some of her recent roles include a guitar-playing Cisco (Woody Guthrie's American Song), and as an accordion musician and ensemble member in Mr. Burns: a Post-Electric Play. Her prominent experience in performing involves twelve years of performing with Sinag-tala Theatre and Performing Arts Association, a touring non-profit Filipino cultural ensemble that she was also appointed as choral director for five seasons. She has been an award recipient for the SFBAC NATS Singing Festival, Mu Phi Epsilon competitions, and the Sacramento Saturday Club Scholarship for Voice. She has been the collegiate president of the Mu Phi Epsilon-Alpha Delta chapter in Sacramento since 2020, and when she is not performing, she is frequently behind the soundboard or technical portion of productions in the Northern California region. She is excited to share SYLVAH I with you as well as for her upcoming role as Nella in the CSUS Opera's production of Puccini's Gianni Schicchi and Celia in Gilbert and Sullivan's Iolanthe.



Corey D. Winfield, Vocalist

Corey is a theatrical performer/technician who has worked in stage, film and television and has had the privilege to perform for local, U.S., and international audiences. A 35 year Renaissance Man in the entertainment industry, his experience covers various areas. Locally, he has performed/worked with Capital Stage, Broadway Sacramento (Music Circus), American River College Theatre, Bike City Theatre Company, Hawkins School of Performing Arts, Chautauqua Playhouse, Celebration Arts, Rocklin Community Theatre, and Roseville Theatre Arts Academy; among others. In his "free time" he also works as a vocal, ballroom, and runway coach. Working at American River College as Concierge to the UNITE Center area of Student Services, he inspires and supports marginalized and disenfranchised student populations to achieve their academic, professional, and personal goals.

CHAKRA



Chet Chwalik, Piano/Keyboards



Ashwut Rodriguez, Guitars

Ashwut Rodriguez is a Sacramento area based guitarist with over 30 years of experience writing, recording and performing music.

He's played throughout the US, as well as toured overseas. He's worked with members of Sapo, Malo, Parliament Funkadelic and artists Della Reese and Ishmael Reed. He enjoys studying classical, funk, Latin, jazz, gospel and world music. Currently he performs at Unity of Sacramento with Chakra and other bands like Latin Soul, Maya, Dinorahs Band. Other current projects include Melisa Corona's solo project, Dinorah Klinger, and solo performances.



Rob Lemas, Bass

Composer and bassist, Rob has been a solid member of Chakra. He sets a solid foundation for us and contributes invaluable suggestions for all the many styles we have played. Rob has studied with Putter Smith, Bruce Gertz and Art Davis. Performance highlights include European tour with Mike Clark, Bennie Maupin [of Herbie Hancock and the Head Hunters] and Joe Gilman Trio.



Michael Curtis (special guest), Drums

Michael Curtis is an accomplished drummer in the Sacramento area. Michael first tried violin in the 4th grade but found his calling with the drums. After moving back to Washington it wasn't long before he was networked in with some great players and working the Seattle area for 12 years. After he moved to Sacramento in 2004 he started networking with musicians and manufacturers. Michael started a YouTube Channel and focused on production. Since then he has managed to gig and record at every given opportunity, while producing media for manufacturers and local clients.



Expressions of Unity Choir

Adriene Hunt, Annette Wood, David Cook, Ina Southern, Janel Jahsi, Linda Bean, Terri Gray, Wanda Thornton

Chakra (the band!)

Chet Chwalik (piano), Ashwut Rodriguez (guitars), Rob Lemas (bass), Michael Curtis (drums)

CREW

Music Director Chet A. Chwalik

Choir Director Dahlia Kilson

MC/Narrator David Cook

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Camera Operator/Co-host Tacaba Thornton

Production Assistant Rod Hunt

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