



## **INVERSION VOCAL ENSEMBLE**

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Christ Church Cathedral  
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## THE CONCERT

Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs ( <i>from Messiah</i> )	Georg Frideric Handel
Let's Have a Union	arr. Dave Ragland
Fix Me, Jesus	arr. Dave Ragland
Psalm 8	Richard Smallwood
I'll Never Turn Back No More ( <i>from Steal Away</i> )	Dave Ragland
Song of Ruth	Wendi Moore-O'Neal
We Shall Overcome	arr. Raymond Wise

## INTERMISSION

(15 minutes)

Oh, Po' Little Jesus	arr. Willis Laurence James
Mary Had de Baby	arr. Dave Ragland
I Believe	Dave Ragland
Royalty ( <i>from Nick Cave FEAT. Nashville</i> )	Dave Ragland
Some Children See Him	Alfred Burt arr. Michael McElroy
In Love	Dave Ragland

### MUSICIANS:

Konson Patton, piano

Mia Wiley, flute

Natasha Maclin, violin

Bryson Finney, clarinet

Brandon Newsome, drums and percussion

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## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Emmy-nominated Inversion Vocal Ensemble sings a dazzling array of music including jazz, classical, gospel, and musical theater. Inversion has performed with Brandi Carlile, John Prine, Rivers Rutherford, Grammy-nominee Ruby Amanfu, and Grammy-winner Marcus Hummon. Previous engagements include the “Nick Cave FEAT. Nashville” (Emmy nomination), Nashville Symphony’s “Let Freedom Sing” as featured guest artist, The Ryman Auditorium, National Museum of African American Music, and “Treemonisha in Concert” for Opera Club of Nashville Opera. Upcoming engagements include Grammy-nominated Alias Chamber Ensemble and Nashville Ballet.

Inversion was requested in April 2016, by the National Civil Rights Museum to sing at their inaugural memorial service for the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King. Inversion was requested specifically to sing their rendition of “Precious Lord”, King's favorite hymn. The event was attended by Mayors of Memphis and Shelby County, thousands of spectators, and King's comrade, the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson.

In October 2015, Inversion was selected as the only vocalists to perform on the mainstage of Schermerhorn Symphony Center's Laura Turner Concert Hall for the Nashville Symphony Free Day of Music. In December, Inversion returned to Cheekwood to celebrate the holiday season.

Previous engagements also include The Roland Hayes Museum, The Summer Hill Heritage Center, and recital with noted scholars, Dr. Gail Robinson-Oturu and Dr. Roland Carter.

Inversion can be found online at [www.inversionsings.com](http://www.inversionsings.com)



**DAVE RAGLAND:**  
(daveragland.com). Dave Ragland is a founder and Artistic Director of Inversion Vocal Ensemble. Dave received an Emmy nomination for music composition for Nick Cave FEAT. Nashville Dave was named one of Nashville’s Top 40 Under 40 for his

contributions as a composer. Dave received a First Night Honors nomination for Best Director of a Musical for *Lady Day at Emerson’s Bar and Grill*. Dave and Inversion will debut his first feature length opera, *Steal Away*, at Oz Arts in April 2020. Past engagements include the Kennedy Center Honors and Nashville Symphony. Dave is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, graduate of University of Tennessee, and two-time graduate of Tennessee State University. Dave is also a proud member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

### ADRIANNA CLEMONS:

Adrianna is a native of Madison, Wisconsin and has resided in Nashville for the past 10 years. She has served as an Assistant Principal KIPP Academy Nashville. She enjoys spending time with her husband, two boys, and baby girl.



### BYRON HARVEY:

Byron Harvey is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. Byron started singing in church at the age of 6. A graduate of the Nashville School of the Arts & holding a B.S. degree in Music from Tennessee State University, Harvey is now a multi-genre performer,



actor, recording artist, session singer, and songwriter. Byron began his professional career while attending high school, singing behind Nate Bean and host of other artist. To his claim, Byron is the co-founder of Inversion Vocal Ensemble, an artist collective ranging in styles from Classical Opera to Gospel, and founder of Kingdom Creative Artist Firm; both of which earning Harvey a name as an event & talent contractor/coordinator, as well as executive project producer. In 2016, he released his debut EP entitled *Millennial Faith I*, followed by *Millennial Faith II* in 2018. Byron has shared the stage with and opened for such artist as Marcus Hummon, Rivers Rutherford, Rudy Currence, Doobie Powell, Israel Houghton, Hezekiah Walker, and many more.



**JULIAN LEGGS:**

A Nashville native, Julian is an alumnus of the Nashville School of the Arts and Tennessee State University. Julian has been cultured in the art of music since the age of two with a concentration in piano studies, which has led him to a consistent

career in vocal pedagogy, among a number of arenas in Christian music.

**TESIA RUCKER:**

Tesia is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a current resident of Nashville, Tennessee, she attended Tennessee State University. She is in demand as a studio recording vocalist in Nashville. Tesia is a Pre-K instructor at Phoenix Children’s Academy. She enjoys spending time with her husband Tye and daughter, Lia.



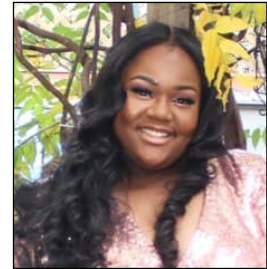
**Xavier Rucker:**

Xavier is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. Xavier is the founder of vocal ensemble *Outpour*. He is an active studio and live background vocalist. Xavier currently collaborates with soul artist Mike Hicks. Xavier was a

featured soloist in the Emmy nominated Nick Cave FEAT. Nashville. Xavier played featured roles in the workshop production of Marcus Hummon’s musical *American Prophet*, currently playing nationally. Previous vocal credits include Hezekiah Walker, Marcus Hummon, and Alexis Speight.

**VICTORIA SANDERS:**

Victoria is a native is a native of New York City, New York. She is a graduate of Fisk University. While at Fisk, Victoria was a member of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers. With the ensemble, Victoria toured extensively



including engagements with India.Arie at the Ryman Auditorium. Victoria headlines inspirational jazz group Queen Victoria & The Kingsmen. Victoria played leading roles in the workshop production of Marcus Hummon’s musical *American Prophet*, currently playing nationally.

**CEDRIC TOWNSEND:**

Cedric is a native of Nashville (Springfield) Tennessee. A graduate of Union University with a Bachelor’s of Music in Voice Performance and a long time music enthusiast. Now living in the city proper, Cedric serves as a background vocalist and vocal arranger to several local groups and artists, as well as being a contracted session singer for others. He also provides administrative services to creative and artistic development teams in need. His passions include family, holistic wellness, and of course music. Find him on Byron Harvey & TEAM’s upcoming project as a featured artist.



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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 Suggested donation at the door: \$20 (This is a two-night event)	7:00 p.m.	<b>NASHVILLE UNLIMITED</b> This popular annual event marks its 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and to celebrate there will be two nights of spirited music benefitting Room In The Inn! Come hear top Nashville musicians and surprise guest artists as they lend their talents to help our city's homeless. Join in the fun and get in the holiday spirit!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 Free and open to the public. Childcare provided. Reception following.	4:00 p.m.	<b>ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> Readers from the Christ Church Cathedral congregation join the Choir and Senior Choristers to trace in music and scripture the story of prophecy and fulfillment, from the foretelling of the coming of Christ through Advent and the Annunciation to the Incarnation of God's promise in the birth of our Savior. Directed by Canon Dr. Michael Velting; Elizabeth Smith, organ.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 Free and open to the public. Childcare provided. Reception following. <i>Sponsored by Al Finegan</i>	8:00 p.m.	<b>BÁLINT KAROSI, ORGAN</b> A celebrated Hungarian composer and concert organist, Karosi has performed throughout Europe and the United States. Currently Cantor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York, he placed first in the Leipzig International J.S. Bach Competition and also took first prize in the Dublin International Organ Competition and Miami International Competition.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Suggested donation: \$15, \$5 students Childcare provided. Reception following.	7:30 p.m.	<b>THE ORLANDO CONSORT</b> Hailed internationally for its captivating interpretation of medieval and Renaissance vocal music, this acclaimed British ensemble will treat the audience to a concert celebrating food, wine, and song.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 Free and open to the public. Childcare provided. Reception following.	4:00 p.m.	<b>CATHEDRAL CHORISTER FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG</b> The Cathedral Choristers and Schola and Royal School of Church Music guest Choristers from throughout the region sing Choral Evensong under the direction of Matthew Owens, formerly of Wells Cathedral and recently named Director of Music at Belfast Cathedral.
SUNDAY, MARCH 1 Free and open to the public. Childcare provided. Reception following.	3:30 p.m.	<b>ORGAN CONCERT/LENTEN CHORAL EVENSONG WITH BENEDICTION</b> The Cathedral Choir under the direction of Canon Dr. Michael Velting; Elizabeth Smith, Organ, sings Choral Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pre-Evensong organ concert by Jillian Gardner, Director of Music Ministries and Organist, First United Methodist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.
SUNDAY, MARCH 8 Suggested donation: \$15, \$5 students Childcare provided. Reception following.	4:00 p.m.	<b>SONUS CHOIR</b> SONUS is a modern classical a cappella choir that sings in the straight-tone style. Come and discover this talented new vocal group, which recently released its debut album.

