

The Department of Performing Arts Presents...

DREXEL UNIVERSITY
GOSPEL CHOIR

Forever, you're my King

Friday, December 8th, 2023

7:00 PM

Mandell Theater
3220 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA



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Letter from the Department

Welcome to this concert presentation by the Music Program in the Department of Performing Arts. We are delighted to have the wonderful support of great families and friends. A very special welcome goes out to our visitors from the community who may not have any affiliation to our students, and simply come to hear spectacular musical performances by these talented student musicians. We hope everyone in our audience is pleased with the musical selections; and proud of the achievement of the students involved.

The students you will hear at this performance are not music majors. They do this for their love of music and dedicate their time and energy to cultivating their passion for this art form. They are as dedicated to their studies and career pursuits as they are to this intrinsic passion they have within them. The program is fortunate to have a bounty of students with this yearning. We would not exist without them!

The Music Program and Department of Performing Arts is dedicated to providing robust opportunities in

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the performing arts while students are at Drexel. Our goal is to provide a positive and supportive environment for our students. It is our hope that students and audiences alike feel they are represented in the selections being performed. The human connection is most important to us all.

Thank you for attending this performance. Being here is the greatest show of support for the students, the Music Program, and the Department of Performing Arts. Thanks to the dedicated leadership of the faculty ensemble directors and staff, we are pleased to present you with the following program.

Sincerely,

Luke Abruzzo, Music Program Director

Miriam Giguere, PhD, Department Head, Performing Arts



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Upcoming Performing Arts Events

ALL COLLEGE CHOIR AND CHAMBER BRASS AND WINDS

December 9, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Main Auditorium

MEDITERRANEAN ENSEMBLE

December 9, 2023 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

UNIVERSITY CHORUS AND CHAMBER SINGERS

December 10, 2023 | 3:00 PM | Great Court

CONCERT BAND

December 10, 2023 | 7:00 PM | Mandell Theater

FRESHDANCE

February 8, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

February 10, 2024 | 2:00 PM | Mandell Theater

DREXEL DANCE ENSEMBLE

February 9-10, 2024 | 7:30 PM | Mandell Theater

DREXEL THEATRE: NO WAY, JOSE!

February 17, 2024 | 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM | URBN Annex Black Box

Learn more about our upcoming events:

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Acknowledgements

The Drexel University Gospel Choir would like to thank Dr. Miriam Giguere, Luke Abruzzo and Westphal College of Media Arts and Design Staff and Faculty, Caroline Leipf, Christopher Totoro, and Mandell Theater Staff, Denise Marie Snow - Program Director for Bridges, Drexel University Gospel Choir Alumni, Rev. Gregory Ross - Senior Pastor and Rev. Beatrice E. Ross, First Lady, Vashti T. Gorham, Founder, Drexel University Department of Alumni Relations, Rev. Brian Musser - Campus minister, DUBAC Program



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Mike Moss Memorial Fund



The Myron "Mike" Moss Memorial Fund supports Drexel University students pursuing projects in music or collaborative projects in the performing arts, including further study and support

for performances. Dr. Moss, the Music Program Director and Drexel Concert Band Conductor, passed away suddenly in 2012. The fund in his name seeks to assist students in the tradition of his passionate support for student involvement in the Performing Arts.

Student applications are due January 20, 2024. If you are interested in donating towards this fund or want more information, please click the link below.

drexel.edu/performingarts/scholarships/moss-memorial-fund/



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Program

The Drexel University Gospel Choir **Ross Browne, Director**

Praise the Lord
Oh Come let us adore him
Emmanuel
Forever, you're my King
We serve a Mighty God
Praise Jehovah
God Restores
We offer Praise
Just as I am



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Ensemble Members

Ross Browne
Ensemble Director

Soprano

Natalie Cleri
Jenell Collins
Zedan Edwards
Morgan Jenkins
Rachael Peterkin
Promise Nkhono

Tenor

Brandon Brooks
Henry Ofoegbu
James Ronald Worthy
Trevor Canfor-Dumas
Jamal Stewart

Alto

Tamia Chuderski
Jenna Washington
Me'Aira Nuni
Janyra Santos
Tekuam Kassa
Aminata Bundu
Raina Brooks
Charlotte Bell

Piano

Robert Ladson
David Carlisle

Support Keyboard

David Henfield

Bass Guitar

Caleb Gerald

Ensemble Members

Drums

Derrick Nicholson

Guest Praise Dancer

Damesha Tull



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Drexel University Department of Performing Arts Staff

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Production Staff

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Costume Shop Manager

Chris Totoro

Mandell Theater Technical Director

Interested in a Music Minor?

Drexel offers four different music minors:

Music: requires 26 credits, including work in Music Theory, History, private lessons, ensemble performance, and 9 credits of music electives.

Music Theory and Composition: aimed at people who are writing their own music or who would like to begin doing so. You will take courses in Music Theory, Arranging, Composition, and Digital Composition, and end with a portfolio of several completed pieces.

Music Performance: requires two years of private lesson studies with our artist faculty culminating in a recital. The Music Program will provide support for the recital venue and accompanist.

Jazz & African-American Music: includes course work in Jazz History, African-American Music, Jazz Theory, private study in Jazz performance, and ensemble work in several ensembles devoted to jazz.

Support Great Performance

Performing arts are a vital part of the Drexel academia and student life. Donations support the operation of our performing arts venues, including the Mandell Theater and URBN Annex Black Box Theater, as well as performing arts ensembles and programs.

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