



ONE VOICE CHORUS AND CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND PRESENT:

A Holiday Extravaganza

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: DELIGHTED TOBEHERE, HOST | MAHARI FREEMAN, SOPRANO

DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH, 7:30^{PM}

NORTHWEST SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, 1415 BEATTIES FORD RD, CHARLOTTE, NC 28216

ONE VOICE CHORUS: CORY DAVIS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND: JOHN STANLEY ROSS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & O'SHAEE BEST, ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



HELLO!

We are thrilled to welcome you to our Holiday Extravaganza! Charlotte Pride Band and One Voice Chorus have formed a special relationship over the years, so we are very happy to bring our audiences and participants together in one large “extended family” for the holidays. There is a very special treat for you this evening, as we welcome Delighted Tobe here as our hostess.

We couldn't be happier to be performing at Northwest School of the Arts, and we are very grateful for our partnership with CMS that allows us to perform here and share our music with the community, including students, parents, faculty, and friends of NWSA. Thank you as well to Bank of America for supporting our efforts in pulling this performance together.

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CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Dr. John Stanley Ross is Director of Bands in the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University where he serves on the graduate faculty, conducts the Appalachian Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds and Concert Band, teaches courses in graduate and undergraduate conducting, supervises student teachers, serves as the advisor for Kappa Kappa Psi and the Collegiate National Band Association, and guides all aspects

of the Appalachian Bands program. He is also the Artistic Director of the Charlotte Pride Band and serves nationally as a Conn-Selmer Educational Clinician. Dr. Ross is a frequent guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician throughout the United States and abroad and has also conducted in England, China, Romania, and South Korea. Future and recent past guest conducting engagements include the Dixon Municipal Band, the 2022 Texas 5A Region High School Honor Band, the 2019 North Carolina 11-12 All-State Band, the Southern Methodist University Wind Ensemble, the Royal Hawaiian Band, the Minnesota 9-10 All-State Band, the Kauai Community College Wind Symphony, the Medalist Concert Band, the Sterling Municipal Band, the Banatul Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus in Romania and numerous regional and district honor bands throughout the United States and abroad. Ensembles under his direction have performed at state and national conferences in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and North Carolina including the American School Band Directors Association National Convention and the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic. Awards received include the 2008-2009 Honors Edition of Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals, Phi Beta Mu International School Bandmaster Fraternity, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Who's Who In America, Who's Who for Professionals, the Minnesota Band Directors Association Award, National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts, and the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association. He has commissioned and arranged several works for winds and has conducted over thirty world premieres.



CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND ASSOCIATE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

O'Shae D. Best is currently the Director of Bands at Crestdale Middle School in Matthews, NC. Along with being in various leadership positions within his school and the Charlotte Mecklenburg School district, O'Shae serves as the 9/10 Honor Band Audition Chair for the North Carolina Band Association. O'Shae received his BM in Music Education from East Carolina University and his MM in Wind Conducting from the University

of Wisconsin - Madison, where he studied under Scott Teeple, with studies completed with Mark Hetzler (trombone), Tom Curry (tuba/euphonium), and Chad Hutchinson (orchestral conducting). O'Shae is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, National Association for Music Education, and the National Band Association.



ONE VOICE CHORUS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Cory Davis is a conductor, pianist, tenor, and nonprofit professional. He is the Artistic Director of One Voice Chorus in Charlotte, NC, where he also works at Providence United Methodist Church as Music Ministry Associate. He holds a MM in Choral Conducting from Temple University and a BA from George Washington University. He is currently pursuing his DMA at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In Philadelphia, Cory was the Music Director at Marple Christian Church, Assistant Conductor of Voices Chorale New Jersey, Conducting Intern for Philadelphia

Voices of Pride, and Development Associate at Project HOME, an organization dedicated to eradicating street homelessness in Philadelphia. Cory also lived in Washington, DC, where he was the Music Director of the Gaithersburg Chorus, and Assistant Director for the Washington Men's Camerata. He was Development Manager at Chorus America, and he previously worked at Washington Concert Opera and Castleton Festival.



SHOW HOST

Delighted Tobehere is a tour de force in the drag world, celebrating 21 years as a vocalist, comedian, emcee, activist, and motivational speaker. A self-described “Queen of all Trades,” Delighted combines celebrity illusion, vocal impressions, live vocals, lip sync, comedy, intelligence, and quick wit to wow audiences from corporate functions to pride festivals. In 2015, she wowed the judges on America’s Got Talent with a rendition of bass country singer Josh Turner’s Your

Man, garnering yes votes from all of the judges. Recently she starred as Hedwig in Hedwig and the Angry Inch at The Warehouse Theatre in Greenville, SC where BroadwayWorld described her performance as “simply outstanding!” Throughout the year Delighted tours internationally to sold out houses with her celebrated one-woman shows including She Haw, Hello Daddy!, Drag 101, Simply Delighted, and Divariety. Every winter she has an annual residency at Act2PV in Puerto Vallarta. Along with giving masterclasses and lectures at universities, presenting at corporate DEI events, and touring her shows, Delighted has been a featured presenter at two TEDx events, continuing her mission of encouraging people to live in the moment, live a better life, love themselves, and each other. You can follow Delighted on all social media platforms at @queendelighted. www.imdelightedtobehere.com



GUEST SOLOIST

A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Mahari Freeman is frequently sought after to perform at events across the Carolinas. Her “pure and effortless singing” has been positively received by journals such as Classical Voice of North Carolina. Mahari was a fellow in the Aspen Music Festival’s Opera Center and performed the starring role of Susanna in the University of Michigan’s production of Le Nozze di Figaro. Recent performances include recitals with UNC Charlotte’s Orchestra,

as well as numerous solo oratorio engagements. Mahari is also a passionate voice instructor and founder of La Voix Academy, a music school based in Charlotte. She is currently on the voice faculty at Central Piedmont Community College. Mahari Freeman received her Master’s of Music in Voice Performance from the University of Michigan and is currently working towards her Doctorate of Musical Arts at the University of South Carolina.

An aerial photograph of the Charlotte skyline is shown on the right side of the page. Overlaid on this image are four vertical bars of varying heights and colors: a tall grey bar, a shorter red-to-orange gradient bar, a medium-height teal bar, and a short light green bar. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds.

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John Stanley Ross, Artistic Director

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A Holiday Extravaganza

ONE VOICE CHORUS

Cory Davis, *Artistic Director*

Dr. Adam Ward, *Collaborative Pianist*

CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND

Dr. John Stanley Ross, *Artistic Director*

O'Shae Best, *Associate Artistic Director*

Delighted To be here, *Host*
Pre-concert music by CPB Wind Quintet

CHROMA

Joy to the World.....Arr. Derric Johnson

ONE VOICE CHORUS

Away.....Arr. Mark Burrows

Light.....Lisa Loeb

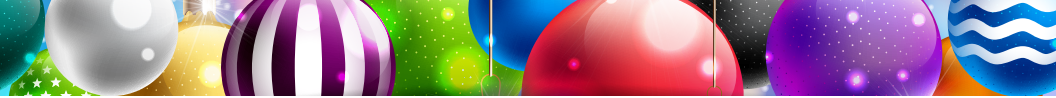
Sing We Now of Christmas.....Kyle Pederson

Kathy Allen, *oboe soloist*

Duérmete.....Arr. Victor Johnson

Bryan Culler, *flute soloist*

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen.....Molly Ijames



CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND

- Jingle Them Bells** (2011).....James Pierpont (1822-1893)
Arr. Julie Giroux (b. 1961)
- Lux Aurumque** (2005).....Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)
- Pie Jesu** (1887).....Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)
Arr. Paul A. Brink
Mahari Freeman, *soprano soloist*
- O Holy Night** (1847/2011).....Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
Arr. Julie Giroux (b. 1961)
Mahari Freeman, *soprano soloist*
- Christmas Overture** (1911).....Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)
Arr. Joe Derhake

CPB JAZZ ENSEMBLE AND ONE VOICE CHORUS

- We Need a Little Christmas** (2012).....Jerry Herman (1931-2019)
Arr. Robert Sterling
O'Shae Best, *Conductor*

COMBINED ENSEMBLES

- Sleigh Ride** (1948).....Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)
Charlotte Pride Band and One Voice Chorus
Cory Davis, *Conductor*
- A Christmas Festival** (1950).....Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)
Audience Sing-A-Long
Dr. John Stanley Ross, *Conductor*





1 Membership, 2 Bars

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ONE VOICE CHORUS MEMBERS

**indicates member of Chroma*

Adrienne Alair	Natalia Grant	Christopher Page
Kara Armstrong	Kelly Hall	Rebeca Perez
Ayanna-Moné Arnold	Sally Hinson	Mallory Porshnev
Teresa Atchison	Beata Ho	Anthony Porter
Matty Barbour*	Lucy Jung	Faith Pressley
Britney Beeler-Jones	Jenny Kant	Keith Primas
Monica Boccia	Jessica Kawamoto	Dan Purdy*
Jess Brown*	Riley Kilpatrick	Kym Randall*
Kayla Brown*	Jonathan Kluttz*	Eleanor Reali*
Casey Brown	Nicole Kniep	Brian Joel Rosario
Maggie Bunzey	Ellie Little	Natasha Rose
Shelley Burton-Manning	Harold Lowry	Erick Senethep*
Caroline Cave*	Camryn Mack	Tony Serrano
Bailee Craig	Chad Mackie	Fiona Shauger
Julia Culbreth	Sheryl Manning	Zach Smith
Richard Cyrus	Wesley Martin*	Angela Spaulding
Danielle DeFrancesco*	Jan Maynard	Stephanie Spencer
Brian DuBois*	Tammie McCagg	Jessica Swanson
Tara Eschenbach	Renaldo McPhail*	Candice Torres
Tyler Faulkner	Wydea Merchant	Arwen Varner-Howland
Ivette Fernandez	Melanie Moore	Cody Warren*
Liz Fitzgerald	Rachel Moyer	Kaitlin Wightman-Ausman*
John Floyd	Kathie Murphy	Jillian Witz*
Jordan Frederick	Hana Newnam	
Eileen Geiger*	Desiree Ott*	

CHARLOTTE PRIDE BAND MEMBERS

**indicates member of CPB Jazz Ensemble*

^indicates member of CPB Wind Quintet

FLUTE

Bridget Gross
Bryan Culler^
Caitlin Smoot*
Courtney Taylor
Devon Redmond
James Reynolds

OBOE

Brittany Russell
Kathy Allen^

CLARINET

Andres Orench*
April Oster
Ashley Lam
Crystal Kaiserling
Hayden Askea
Jordan Campbell
Jordan Owen^
Lois Oster

BASS CLARINET

Pat King

CONTRABASS CLARINET

Gabriel Daniels

BASSOON

Mary Ellen Brook^

ALTO SAXOPHONE

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Ken Tealer*
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Russ Dean
Tyler King
Victor Chi
Vivian Nguyen

HORN

Briana Meyer
Christopher Belarde
Jason Maynard^
Krislynn Stowe
Morgan Tinker

TROMBONE

Alexis Poolos*
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Daniel Grindle*
Mark Thornton
Ruth Petersen

EUPHONIUM

Brady Moffett
David Silden
Kale Barnes
Yolanda Gregg

TUBA

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Chaz Waldrip
Diana Kelley

STRING BASS

Marissa DeBramaletta*

PERCUSSION

David Gibson*
Diane Thornton
Eli Sterling
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Madeline Brunson
Steve Hilton*

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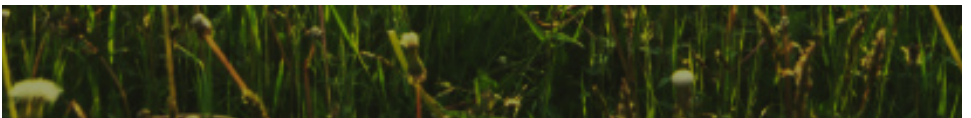
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