

# MYTHS HYMNS









A Theatrical Song Cycle in a Four-Part Digital Series CHAPTER 1

# MYTHS and HYMNS Chapter 1: Flight



Music and Lyrics by **ADAM GUETTEL** 

Additional Lyrics by Orchestration by Ellen Fitzhugh Don Sebesky and Jamie Lawrence New Choral Arrangements by Ted Sperling

Production Conceived, Supervised, and Conducted by **TED SPERLING** 

Orchestra Chuck Wilson, Dan Willis, John Winder: *woodwinds* Larry Lunetta: *trumpet* Norbert Goldberg: *drums* Douglas Romoff: *bass* Todd Ellison: *piano* Steve Bargonetti: *guitar* Adam Guettel: guitar (*Pegasus*) Ted Sperling: *conductor/violin/keyboard*  Production Team Derril Sellers/SpotCo, Editing and Production Jamie Lawrence, Audio Mixing and Mastering Andrew Feyer, Chorus Audio Engineer SpotCo, Advertising/Marketing/Social Strategy

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# FLIGHT

#### **Prometheus**

Anderson & Roe, Piano Duo (Anderson & Roe Underwritten by Susan and Elihu Rose) Greg Anderson, Arranger and Director

Saturn Returns: The Flight

Joshua Henry, Soloist MasterVoices Ted Sperling, Director

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#### **Migratory V**

Julia Bullock, Soloist

(Ms. Bullock Underwritten by Sarah Billinghurst Solomon)

Renée Fleming, Soloist

(Ms. Fleming Underwritten by Ellen F. Marcus and Bruce Horten & Aaron Lieber)

Kelli O'Hara*, Soloist* 

(Ms. O'Hara Underwritten by Zita Ezpeleta and Kewsong Lee)

MasterVoices Lear deBessonet, Director Danny Mefford, Co-Creator Yazmany Arboleda, Co-Creator and Illustrator Cloud Chatanda, Animator

#### **Pegasus**

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# MEET THE ARTISTS

#### **TED SPERLING**, Conductor

One of today's leading musical artists, Tony Award-winning Maestro Ted Sperling is a classically trained musician whose 35-year career has spanned from the concert hall and the opera house to the Broadway stage. He has led such symphony orchestras as the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Boston Pops, the Iceland Symphony, Czech National Symphony, and BBC Concert Orchestra. He has also served as Music Director and conductor for the revival of *My Fair Lady* at Lincoln Center Theater, and won the 2005 Tony and Drama Desk Awards for his orchestrations of Adam Guettel's *The Light in the Piazza*, for which he was also Music Director. With MasterVoices, Maestro Sperling has led acclaimed productions of rarely-heard gems as both director and conductor, including the 2018-19 season's sold–out three–performance run of *Lady in the Dark* at New York City Center. Mr. Sperling graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale University, and received the Faculty Prize at The Juilliard School. He currently teaches orchestral playing and conducting at NYU.

#### ADAM GUETTEL, Composer & Lyricist

Adam Guettel is a composer/lyricist living in New York City. His upcoming musical, The Days of Wine and Roses, will have its first production on Broadway next season. Another new musical, *Millions*, is also slated for production soon. In 2019 he was nominated for a Tony Award for his score to the hit Broadway play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. His musical, *The Light in the Piazza*, premiered on Broadway in April 2005 and went on to receive six 2005 Tony Awards including two for Mr. Guettel – Best Original Score, Best Orchestrations, and a Grammy nomination for best cast recording. *The Light in the Piazza* also received five Drama Desk Awards, including two for Mr. Guettel – Best Music and Best Orchestrations. Accolades for Mr. Guettel include the Stephen Sondheim Award (1990), the ASCAP New Horizons Award (1997), and the American Composers Orchestra Award (2005). He received an honorary doctorate from Lehman College in 2007. In 2019 he was made an honorary member of The Royal Academy of Music in London.

#### **ELLEN FITZHUGH,** Additional Lyrics

Ellen Fitzhugh has received Tony (Original Score, *Grind*) and Drama Desk (Outstanding Lyrics, *Grind*) award nominations, as well as an Emmy nomination (Outstanding Achievement in Music and Lyrics, *Shining Time Station*/PBS), and written lyrics with numerous film score composers, including the renowned Henry Mancini. She is also the lyricist of several Off-Broadway musicals, including *Herringbone* ('81); *Diamonds* ('84); *The Griffin and the Minor Canon* ('88); *Paper Moon* ('93); *Luck, Pluck, and Virtue* ('95); *Don Juan DeMarco* ('98); *Paradise Found* (2010); and *Just One "Q"* (librettist, 2016). She also wrote lyrics for the Disney film, The Great Mouse Detective ('86) and the video, The Brave Little Toaster Goes to Mars ('98). Ellen's recent activities include two new pieces, as librettist for Broadbend, Arkansas for Transport Group, with Ted Shen, and Los Otros for Inner Voices, with Michael John LaChiusa.

#### DON SEBESKY, Orchestration

Don Sebesky is one of the most respected composer-arrangers in music today. His sensitivity and versatility have enabled him to produce an enormous body of work, ranging from jazz to symphonic to pop. Through his many collaborations, he has received 31 Grammy nominations (3-time winner), 3 Tony nominations (winner 2000), 2 Drama Desk Awards, 3 Emmy nominations, and 4 Clio Awards. He has worked with the London and Chicago Symphonies, Boston Pops, New York Philharmonic, Royal Philharmonic of London, and the Toronto Symphony. Theater credits include *Porgy and Bess* (London), *Sweet Charity, Kiss Me Kate* (2000 Tony Award), *Bells Are Ringing, Cyrano, Will Rogers Follies*, and *Sinatra At Radio City*. Besides Sinatra, Don has arranged for hundreds of other recording artists including <u>Streisand</u>, <u>Bennett</u>, <u>Buble</u>, <u>Liza</u>, <u>Seal</u>, <u>Prince</u>, and many more. Recordings include nine under his own name, all of which were Grammy nominated. Sebesky is the author of the orchestration text book, *The Contemporary Arranger*.

#### JAMIE LAWRENCE, Orchestration

Jamie Lawrence's compositions and arrangements have been honored with five Emmy Awards and ten Emmy nominations. He most recently scored the upcoming musical feature film headed to SXSW, *Best Summer Ever*. Jamie produced and orchestrated the score for the HBO documentary *Arthur Miller: Writer*, directed by Rebecca Miller and her other films, *Maggie's Plan*, *The Private Lives of Pippa Lee*, and *The Ballad of Jack and Rose*, starring Daniel Day Lewis. He has scored numerous documentary films -- many of them for HBO: *Death on a Factory Farm*, *The Alzheimer's Project - "Momentum in Science"*, and *Dealing Dogs*. Jamie is the Music Director and principal arranger for the Tony Awards broadcast and has written all the original music for the show for the past fifteen years. As an orchestrator he has penned arrangements for numerous musical luminaries: Jessye Norman, Quincy Jones, Smokey Robinson, Audra McDonald, and Herbie Hancock.

# **Prometheus**

#### ANDERSON & ROE, Piano Duo

Known for their adrenalized performances, original compositions, and notorious music videos, GREG ANDERSON and ELIZABETH JOY ROE are revolutionizing the piano duo experience for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Described as "the most dynamic duo of this generation" (*SF Classical Voice*), "rock stars of the classical music world" (*Miami Herald*), and "the very model of complete 21<sup>st</sup>-century musicians" (*The Washington Post*), the duo aims to make classical music a relevant and powerful force

around the world. Their five critically acclaimed albums have topped the Billboard Classical Charts, while their Emmy-nominated, self-produced music videos have been viewed by millions on YouTube and at international film festivals. Since forming their musical partnership in 2002, Anderson & Roe have toured extensively worldwide as recitalists and orchestral soloists; appeared on NPR, MTV, PBS, and the BBC; and served as co-hosts on *From the Top* and the <u>medici.tv</u> webcast of the 15<sup>th</sup> Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

#### **GREG ANDERSON,** Arranger & Director

In pursuit of his mission to make classical music a relevant and powerful force in society, Greg Anderson has developed a multi-faceted career as a pianist, composer, and filmmaker. His exploits have attracted the attention of PBS, MTV, the *Today Show*, and NPR's *A Prairie Home Companion* and *All Things Considered*, and he is profiled in Nick Romeo's book *Driven*. Greg has toured extensively worldwide as a soloist, duo pianist, and chamber musician, while his compositions and arrangements have appeared on the Universal, Sony, and EMI record labels and at venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Rose Bowl, and Beijing's National Center for the Performing Arts. As a filmmaker, Greg has directed and edited over 50 music videos for the Tippet Rise Art Center and the Anderson & Roe Piano Duo; his films have appeared at international film festivals, earned an Emmy nomination, and received over 20 million views online.

# Saturn Returns: The Flight

#### JOSHUA HENRY, Soloist

Joshua Henry can currently be seen starring in *See* for Apple TV. He most recently appeared Off-Broadway in *The Wrong Man* (MCC) for which he received Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel and Outer Critics Circle awards nominations. Joshua starred on Broadway as the iconic Billy Bigelow in the revival of *Carousel* for which he received a coveted Tony and Grammy nomination. Just prior to *Carousel*, Joshua closed his run as Aaron Burr in *Hamilton*: Los Angeles. Joshua has also starred on Broadway in the Tony-nominated musical *Shuffle Along*. Prior to that, Joshua was Tony-nominated for his star turn as Flick in *Violet*. He received Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle and Drama League Award nominations for his thrilling, show-stopping performance. He was previously nominated for a Tony Award for his starring role in Susan Stroman's *The Scottsboro Boys*. Other Broadway credits: *Porgy & Bess* and Green Day's *American Idiot*. Upcoming: *Tick, Tick...Boom* (Netflix/Imagine).

## <u>lcarus</u>

#### MYKAL KILGORE, Icarus

Mykal Kilgore is an award-winning actor and a Grammy and NAACP Image Award nominated singer/songwriter. His debut album, *A Man Born Black*, is a gumbo of

American roots music and modern feels that highlight his ability to go from Broadway Showtune storytelling to Soul and Jazz scatting to Gospel. Mykal was most recently seen in his online special, *Mykal Kilgore Live... on the innanets*. Theatre credits include The Witch in *Into The Woods* at Barrington Stage Company, The Who's *Tommy* at The Kennedy Center, *Songs For A New World* at Encores! Off-Center, *Motown the Musical* and *Hair* on Broadway, as well as *Book of Mormon* (1st National Tour.) He has also appeared in TV/Film with roles in NBC's *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *The Wiz Live* and *Collateral Beauty*. Mykal's racked up 10M plus views on social media with his videos including his viral *Reclaiming My Time* video. #blacklivesmatter #translivesmatter #loveoneanother MYKALKILGORE.COM

#### NORM LEWIS, Daedalus

Norm Lewis is currently starring in the Netflix film *Da 5 Bloods* and Hulu's *Mrs. America.* He was also in the NBC special, *Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert!*, the Broadway revival of *Once on This Island* and starred in the Off-Broadway production of *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, receiving the AUDELCO Award. In 2014, Mr. Lewis made history as *The Phantom of the Opera*'s first African American Phantom on Broadway. He was nominated for a 2012 Tony award for his portrayal of Porgy, opposite Audra McDonald. Besides Mr. Lewis' countless appearances on television and film, he can be seen on PBS in the Live From Lincoln Center production of *Show Boat* (directed by Ted Sperling), and *Norm Lewis: Who Am I?* Mr. Lewis is a proud founding member of Black Theatre United, an organization dedicated to help protect Black people, Black talent and Black lives of all shapes and orientations in theatre and communities across the country.

#### SAMMI CANNOLD, Director

Sammi Cannold is a director who is one of Forbes Magazine's *30 Under 30* in Hollywood & Entertainment, class of 2019. Recent theater credits include *Evita* (New York City Center), *Endlings* (New York Theatre Workshop, A.R.T.), *Ragtime* on Ellis Island, *Violet* on a moving bus (A.R.T.), and *Allegory* (La Jolla Playhouse WOW). Upcoming projects include *Carmen* (with MasterVoices), a documentary film, and a feature film. Associate director credits include the Broadway production of *Natasha*, *Pierre...* (dir. Rachel Chavkin). Sammi has also served as an Artistic Fellow at the A.R.T., a member of Cirque du Soleil's Creative Cognoscenti, and a Sundance Institute Fellow and developed work with Playwrights Realm, The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, New York Stage and Film, Cirque du Soleil, and Nickelodeon. She holds a B.A. from Stanford University and an M.A. from Harvard University. <u>www.sammicannold.com</u>. @sammi.cannold

#### XAVIER CLARK, Associate Director

Xavier Clark is a multidisciplinary theatre artist, born and raised in Turkey. Xavier has worked at many theaters across the country both as a director and an actor, including: Williamstown Theatre Festival, La Jolla Playhouse, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Stella Adler Studio, Ojai Playwrights Conference, The Civilians and more. He studied at RADA, NYU Tisch (BFA), and UC San Diego (MFA).

#### MARY McGOWAN, Associate Director

Current: Special Assistant to the Artistic Director (Diane Paulus) at the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.) at Harvard University, Assistant Directing: *1776* (A.R.T.), *Evita* (New York City Center), *ExtraOrdinary* (A.R.T.), Regional: Chautauqua Theater Company, Syracuse Stage, L.A. Theatre Works. Education/Training: Shakespeare's Globe (2015); BFA, Syracuse University.

#### LUCY MACKINNON, Designer

Lucy Mackinnon is a video and projections designer. Broadway credits include Jagged Little Pill, The Rose Tattoo, Lifespan of a Fact, Six Degrees of Separation, and Deaf West's revival of Spring Awakening. Recent off-Broadway credits include Unknown Soldier (Playwrights Horizons), White Noise (The Public Theater), The Mother (Atlantic Theater Company), and YEN (MCC). As a graphic artist, she has contributed to video installations at The New York Historical Society and The National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

# <u>Migratory V</u>

#### JULIA BULLOCK, Soloist

One of *Musical America's* 2021 "Artists of the Year," American classical singer Julia Bullock is "a musician who delights in making her own rules" (*New Yorker*). Combining versatile artistry with a probing intellect and commanding stage presence, she has, in her early 30s, already headlined productions and concerts at preeminent arts institutions around the world. Also an innovative curator in high demand, she holds notable positions including opera programming host of the new broadcast channel All Arts, 2018-19 Artist-in-Residence at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2019-20 Artist-in-Residence of the San Francisco Symphony and 2020-22 Artistin-Residence of London's Guildhall School. Her growing discography features Grammy-nominated accounts of *West Side Story* and *Doctor Atomic*, which she recorded with the composer conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Committed to integrating community activism with her musical life, Bullock is also a prominent voice for social consciousness and change.

#### **RENÉE FLEMING,** Soloist

Winner of four Grammy<sup>®</sup> awards and the US National Medal of Arts, Renée Fleming performs on the stages of the world's greatest opera house and concert halls, singing for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Super Bowl. She earned a Tony Award nomination for the 2018 Broadway production of *Carousel*. In 2019, she appeared in London as Margaret in Adam Guettel's *The Light in the Piazza*, later bringing the acclaimed portrayal to Los Angeles and Chicago. As Artistic Advisor to the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Renée launched a collaboration with the NIH examining the science connecting music, health, and the

brain. Last spring she premiered her own weekly live webinar, *Music and Mind LIVE*, with more than 650,000 views in 70 countries. Renée has recorded everything from complete operas and song recitals to jazz, indie rock, and the soundtracks of Best Picture Oscar winners *The Shape of Water* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*. www.reneefleming.com

#### KELLI O'HARA, Soloist

Kelli O'Hara has established herself as one of Broadway's greatest leading ladies. Her portrayal of Anna in *The King and I* garnered her the 2015 Tony Award for Best Leading Actress in a Musical, along with Grammy, Drama League, Outer Critics, and Olivier nominations. Other Broadway credits include *Kiss Me Kate, The Bridges of Madison County, Nice Work If You Can Get It, South Pacific, The Pajama Game, and The Light in the Piazza* -- all receiving Tony nominations, along with Drama Desk, Drama League, and/or OCC nominations. She received the Drama League's Distinguished Achievement in Musical Theatre Award in 2019. She made her Metropolitan Opera debut in 2015. Kelli received an Emmy nomination for her work in *The Accidental Wolf.* Film/TV credits include *13 Reasons Why, All The Bright Places, Peter Pan Live!, Sex & The City 2, The Key to Reserva, Masters of Sex, The Good Fight, Blue Bloods, Numb3rs,* and *Car Talk.* Kelli is currently shooting the upcoming HBO series "The Gilded Age".

#### LEAR deBESSONET, Director

Lear deBessonet is the new Artistic Director of Encores! at New York City Center. From 2012-2020, she worked at the Public Theater, where she founded the acclaimed Public Works program and served as Resident Director for 8 seasons. At the Public, she directed Disney's *Hercules, Miss You Like Hell, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet,* and the Public Works' productions of *The Tempest, The Winter's Tale,* and *The Odyssey* at the Delacorte. Other directing credits include *Good Person of Szechwan* starring Taylor Mac and Lisa Kron (The Foundry Theater/The Public), Suzan-Lori Parks' *Venus* (Signature Theater), *Pump Boys and Dinettes* (Encores! Off-Center) and *Big River* (Encores!). Her directing work has received an Obie Award, Lortel Award, Lilly Award, and multiple Drama Desk nominations.

#### DANNY MEFFORD, Co-Creator

Danny Mefford choreographed *Dear Evan Hansen* (Tony and Olivier, Best Musical) and *Fun Home* (Tony, Best Musical). His other Broadway credits are *Bridges of Madison County* and *Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson*. His off-Broadway credits include *Good Person of Szechwan*, *Miss You Like Hell* and *February House*. He staged the theatrical sequences for *Rise* on NBC and makes dances for *Dickinson* on Apple+. For Shakespeare in the Park, he choreographed *Love's Labour's Lost* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. He has been nominated for Drama Desk, Astaire and Lortel Awards. B.S. University of Evansville, M.F.A. Brown/Trinity Consortium

#### YAZMANY ARBOLEDA, Co-Creator and Illustrator

Yazmany Arboleda (b. 1981) is a Colombian American artist based in New York City. An architect by training, Yazmany's practice focuses on creating "Living Sculptures," people coming together to transform the world through co-creation. Over the past two decades he has created public art projects with communities in India, Japan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, South Africa, Afghanistan, Spain, Colombia and the United States. In 2020 Yazmany was appointed as the first Public Artist in Residence with New York City's Civic Engagement Commission. He has collaborated with Carnegie Hall, the Yale School of Management, and BRIC among others. He is a cofounder of <u>limeSHIFT</u>, the <u>Future Historical Society</u>, <u>Remember 2019</u>, and the <u>Artist As Citizen</u> <u>Conference</u>. He has lectured at UNC, MIT, and LPAC about the power of art in public space.

#### **CLOUD CHATANDA,** Animator

Cloud Chatanda was born in 1974 in Njombe, Tanzania, Cloud Chatanda is a visual artist specialized in illustration and paintings. Born the second child from a family of eight of the late captain and soldier, Augustino Chatanda, his family was reluctant in allowing him to pursue an art career. With encouragement from his teachers and fellow peers in school, he started doing illustrations and finally took the leap into working as an artist full time. Chatanda received his artistic training from Kinondoni Young Artist (KYA) in 1990. His illustrations have been used in Tanzania in several schoolbooks, magazines and newspapers, social campaigns and comics. He has exhibited his works at National Museum of Tanzania, Nafasi Art Space and Alliance Française in Tanzania and at Circle Art gallery in Kenya. He has also participated in the East African Biennale. Chatanda has accepted residencies at Kuona Trust in Nairobi and Zku in Berlin.

### <u>Pegasus</u>

#### **ANNIE GOLDEN, Narrator**

Annie Golden considers herself the illegitimate child of the legitimate theatre, having been discovered on the Bowery fronting a rock band, and cast by Milos Forman as Jeannie in *Hair*, the 1978 film. Annie was an original cast member for five seasons of the award-winning Netflix series *Orange Is The New Black* as Norma Romano. She was also on HBO's *High Maintenance* as Bambie, which was written for her by the show's creators. On Broadway, she was last seen in *Violet*, and created the role of Georgie Bukatinsky in *The Full Monty*; Sondheim's original Squeaky Fromme in *Assassins*; and in the off-Broadway productions of *On The Town*; and *Little Shop of Horrors* as Audrey. Her other numerous film credits include *Twelve Monkeys; Baby Boom; Brooklyn Rules; Suddenly Seeking Susan; I Love You, Phillip Morris;* and *Miles*. Her television credits include *Law & Order, Cheers, Miami Vice*, and *Third Watch*. Annie was also in the original production of *Saturn Returns* at the Public Theater.

#### JOSE LLANA, Bellerophon

Jose Llana is thrilled to return to *Myths & Hymns*, originally titled *Saturn Returns*, having appeared in the 1998 premier at The Public Theater. Most recent: *The King of Siam* in Lincoln Center Theater's *The King & I* on Broadway and the US & UK National Tours. Best known for playing President Marcos in *Here Lies Love* at The Public Theater. Other Broadway: Chip Tolentino in *The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam Country Spelling Bee*, El Gato in *Wonderland*, Wang Ta in *Flower Drum Song*, Angel in *Rent*, and Jessie-Lee in *Streetcorner Symphony*. Other Off-Broadway; Orsino in *Twelfth Night* (Public), Adam in *Falling For Eve* (York), and Gabey in *On the Town* (Public). TV/Film: HBO's *Sex and the City* and *Hitch*. Two solo concerts for Lincoln Center's American Songbook Series, in 2015 and 2019. Albums: Cast albums and *Altitude*, based on his 2015 American Songbook Concert. @thejosellana www.josellana.com

#### **CAPATHIA JENKINS,** Pegasus

Capathia Jenkins is a founding member of Black Theatre United. Broadway: *Newsies*, Martin Short-*Fame Becomes Me, Caroline, or Change, The Look of Love, The Civil War*. Off-Broadway: Nora Ephron's *Love Loss and What I Wore, (mis)Understanding Mammy, The Hattie McDaniel Story,* (Drama Desk Nomination) *Caroline, or Change, Godspell*. Original Cast recordings: *Martin Short-Fame Becomes Me, Caroline, or Change, Godspell, Children of Eden*. Television: *30 Rock, the Practice, Law & Order, the Sopranos, Third watch, Law & Order-SVU*. Film: *Top Five, Musical Chairs*. Soloist for many symphony orchestras in the U.S. and abroad, including Cleveland Orchestra, Cincinnati Pops, Philly Pops, National Symphony, Hong Kong Philharmonic and Calgary Symphony. Soundtracks: Seasons 1&2 of Smash, Nine, Chicago, Mission to Mars, *Legally Blonde 2.* <u>www.capathiajenkins.com</u> www.blacktheatreunited.com

#### **ELIZABETH STANLEY,** Gadfly

Elizabeth Stanley stars in the leading role of Mary Jane Healy in the Broadway production of *Jagged Little Pill* featuring the music of Alanis Morissette. Stanley originated the role in its World Premiere at the American Repertory Theater in Boston and reprised it on Broadway where she has recently earned 2020 Drama Desk, Tony, and Grammy nominations for her performance. She previously originated the roles of Dyanne in *Million Dollar Quartet* and Allison in *Cry Baby*. Additional Broadway credits include the revival of *On the Town* (Drama Desk nom) and the Tony Award-Winning revival of *Company*. She also appeared in the First National Tours of *The Bridges of Madison County* and *Xanadu*. Off-Broadway credits include *Fucking A* (Signature), *Merrily We Roll Along* (PS Classics Cast Album). On television, Stanley can be seen in *NOS4A2*, *FBI*, *The Get Down*, *The Affair*, *Black Box*, *Made in Jersey*, *Fringe*, *The Chappelle Show*, and *PBS Great Performances – Company*.

#### STEVEN KELLOGG, Illustrator

Steven Kellogg is an author and illustrator, and, during the decades since 1963, when he graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design, he has published one hundred and thirty books. Forty years after his graduation, he received the college's annual award for significant professional achievement, and also the Regina Medal for his lifetime contribution to children's literature. Among his books are: *The Island of the Skog, Snowflakes Fall, The Mysterious Tadpole, Paul Bunyan, Best Friends, If You Decide to Go to the Moon,* and *The Word Pirates.* During the years that he has been publishing children's books, Steven Kellogg has traveled to schools, libraries, and colleges in all fifty states presenting programs that promote and celebrate reading. He is a board member of the National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance.

# Jesus, the Mighty Conqueror

#### TAKE 6, Soloists

Take 6 (Claude McKnight, Mark Kibble, Joel Kibble, Dave Thomas, Alvin Chea and Khristian Dentley), heralded by Quincy Jones as the "baddest vocal cats on the planet," is the quintessential a cappella group and model for vocal genius. Six virtuosic voices united in crystal clear harmony, against a backdrop of syncopated rhythms, innovative arrangements, and funky grooves that bubble into an intoxicating brew of gospel, jazz, R&B, and pop. With praise from such luminaries as Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder, Brian Wilson, Ella Fitzgerald and Whitney Houston, Take 6 is recognized as the pre-eminent a cappella group in the world.

#### MARK KIBBLE, Arranger

Mark Kibble is the first tenor for the singing group Take 6, which he formed along with Claude McKnight, in 1980. Mark has played an important role in the development of the group's sound not only as a vocalist but as an arranger, and having come up with the Take 6 sound, they have nicknamed him "the Markitect". During their career the group has sold millions of recordings. Mark has worked with and produced many, many artists... from Quincy Jones to Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, David Foster, Whitney Houston, Donnie McClurkin, Eliane Elias, and countless others. Mark with Take 6 has received many music awards including 10 Grammys (8 official), 10 Doves, 2 Stellar awards to name just a few. Mark won his own personal Grammy in 2019 for an arrangement to top it all off. Mark now resides in Nashville TN where he and his brother Joey own a recording studio.

#### **KHRISTIAN DENTLEY, Director**

Though Khristian Dentley is mostly known for his role as the resident baritone in the incomparable vocal group TAKE 6, he is quickly becoming a content creation juggernaut all his own. Since the pandemic began, his video production company, Dentleyboy Production House, has exploded as he began partnering with independent artist needing ways to recreate themselves in the absence of their normal traveling gigs. He now also serves as the Creative Director of C4 Social, a thriving Orlando based media marketing firm where he helps create effective marketing content for companies that lead in their space. From music production to video production, Khristian is a one stop shop offering high quality entertainment value to every client he serves.

#### MASTERVOICES

MasterVoices (formerly The Collegiate Chorale) was founded in 1941 by legendary American choral conductor Robert Shaw and has been under the artistic direction of Tony Award-winner Ted Sperling since 2013. Known for its versatility, the group's repertoire ranges from choral masterpieces and operas in concert to operettas and musical theater. It is also known for highly theatrical performances of rarely heard works such as *Lady in the Dark* by Kurt Weill and Ira Gershwin, Scott Joplin's *Treemonisha* and Rossini's *Moïse et Pharaon*. As the country's first interracial and interfaith chorus, the group performed at the opening of the United Nations and has sung and recorded with esteemed conductors including Arturo Toscanini, Leonard Bernstein and Zubin Mehta. Concerts regularly feature world-class soloists including Anthony Roth Costanzo, Bryn Terfel, Deborah Voigt, Eric Owens, Kelli O'Hara, and Victoria Clark, along with collaborations with such creative minds as Vogue Editor-at-Large Hamish Bowles and acclaimed choreographer Doug Varone. Roger Rees was the group's Artistic Associate from 2003–2015.

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