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African American Music Ensemble
Department of Ethnomusicology

Directed by

Dr. Diane White-Clayton (“*Dr. Dee*”)

Spring Concert

Friday, May 15, 2026 | 8:10pm

Schoenberg Hall

445 Charles E Young Dr E | Los Angeles CA 90095

Program

Concert

(Order subject to change)

“Glorify the Lord” by Richard Smallwood

Soloist, Michael Torres

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” arr. Diane White-Clayton

Soloist, Chloe Chiang

“Anthem of Praise” by Richard Smallwood

Soloists: Salvatore Cayabyab, Ryen Clark, Michael Torres, Penny Thompson

“Thou Shalt Not Die” by Keith Leak

Soloist, Matthew Smith

“Peace, I Give to You” by Diane White-Clayton*

“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me ‘Round” arr. White-Clayton

including opening excerpt from

“Don’t You Let Nobody Turn You ‘Round” arr. by Phillip McIntyre

Soloists: Bethany Grant, Kai Bennett, Rachel Lopez

Solo, **“I Give You Praise”** by R. Smallwood

Soloist, Cooper Burdick

“I Will Sing Praises” by R. Smallwood

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Band

LaRoi Larkin, Music Director & drummer

Gabe Pigeo, pianist & keyboardist

David Parks, bass guitarist

Dawson Lau, lead guitarist

Diane White-Clayton, pianist*

The African American Music Ensemble

Soprano

Xayah Augustine (SL)
Isabel Blackwell
Ella Chau
Chloe Chiang
Min-Shin Chong
Ryen Clark
Jordan Daniel
Fiona Fiebig
Sasha Gomez Libova
Bethany Grant
Logan Hibbard
Sophia Hilliard
Allison Huang
Delaney Hutchinson
Aditi Karthik
Sophie Kim
Anja Kunkee
Rebecca Li
Maisie Mcpeek
Morgan Michalik
Mireya Nevel
Lara Ryzhikova
Tomas Rocha
Nury Salazar-Ibanez
Clare Weiss
Sophia Yi
Jeslyn Zhang
Sydney Zheng

Alto

Alexis Richmond (SL)
Isabel Arguelles
Nyala Bingener
Ellis Bruxvoort
Korinna Dunn
Josephine Ellena
Tracey Faist
Moala Fotu
Lucia Zolezzi Gideon
Izzy Greig
Jordyn Gresham
Maya Jain
Naima Kahl
Jiwoo Kim
Cleopatra Kuk
Rachel Lopez
Akayla Matthews
Nia Nguyen
Natalie Pong
Miranda Rodriguez
Divya Sharma
Penny Thompson
Aishwarya Vadivel
Taejung Yun

Tenor

Sean Cronin (SL)
Kai Bennett
Cooper Burdick
Salvatore Cayabyab
Carter Choi
Nathan Ge
Mickey Hashim
Quentin Kelley
Nathaniel Liu
Ronald Lu
Spencer Mar
Rik Mukherjee
Harry Rueckert
Aidan Singh
Matthew Smith
Anthony Sperry
Bradley Stires

Bass

Jay Taimish (SL)
Jiacheng Bai
Michael Conricode
Eric Du
Maximilien Farkas
Joshua Hockman
Jordan Kikuta
Ezra Kim
Andrew Mckenna
Cody Moser
Garrett Moser
Hugo Nguyen
Desi Randall
Michael Torres
Joshua Wong
Justin Xu

(SL) Section Leaders

Dawson Lau, Student Choir Assistant