Fall 2015 Gospel Choir Concert

Gospel Choir

Sunday, November 1, 2015 7PM

Interfaith Chapel River Campus
500 Joseph C. Wilson Blvd.
Rochester, NY 14627

Special Guest

Thank You!!!!
Gospel Choir
Overview

The UR Gospel Choir was established under the aegis of Campus Ministries in September 1976, in an attempt to offer a musical outlet for the school's African-American students. From 1977–1979, the choir was sponsored by the Student Activities Committee. The UR Gospel Choir became an ensemble under the music department in 1979.

In February 1977, the Choir was the featured guest artist at Cornell University's first Annual Festival of Gospel. In April 1977, the UR Gospel Choir presented Langston Hughes's, "Tambourines To Glory", under the dramatic and musical direction of Rev. Alvin Parris III.

On February 24–25, 1978, the choir in cooperation with the Association of Black Drama and the Arts (ABDA) performed the highly successful Broadway Musical, "Purlie!" in the Interfaith Chapel. Over these 27 years, the choir has presented concerts in Providence University (Rhode Island), SUNY Binghamton, Brockport State, and in many local churches and colleges in the greater-Rochester community.

In the years 1981–1983, the choir performed frequently in the Rochester City Schools as a part of the Young Audiences Program of Arts for Greater Rochester. The choir has also presented on-campus concerts with such featured greats as Fred Hammond and Commissioned, the Donnie McClurken Singers, Chronicles, and many others.

The choir began in 1977 with 8 students, with the organizational assistance of alumni such as C. Leonard Jones, Rose Holmes, Diane Harris, Sheila Brown, and others. Since that time, the choir has maintained a consistent membership of 30–45 students.

The choir is currently under the direction of Mr. Thomas Green. He is a native of Rochester, New York. Mr. Green serves as the Minister of Music at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church and Musical Director for the Voices of Thunder City-Wide Male Chorus. He is the Vice President for the William Warfield scholarship fund.

Mr. Green has earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from the State University College at Brockport and a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership from Roberts Wesleyan College. He also holds the distinguished Project Management Professional Certification from the Project Management Institute. In addition, he has studied music at the State University College at Brockport and Hochstein School of Music.

Mr. Green is married to Dr. Shirley J.A. Green. They are the proud parents of two children; Courtney Denise, a graduate student at the University of Newcastle in Newcastle, Australia, and Thomas Terrell, Jr., currently graduate student at St. Bonaventure University.
Programme

Welcome and Occasion

Milagros Luna

University of Rochester – Thomas Green, Choir Director

Lift Him Up                Org. Arr. Visions A Choral Ministry
Say the Word               Rodnie Bryant

State University of New York at Geneseo – Geveviva Dadoo, Choir Director

"What If God"               Christopher Brinson & The Ensemble
Power Belongs To God       Hezekiah Walker & the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir
Brighter Day               Kirk Franklin

State University of New York at Brockport – Paul Boutte, Choir Director

You Are Good               Israel & New Breed
I Give Myself Away         William McDowell

Rochester Institute of Technology – Wardell Lewis, Choir Director

Arise Oh God               Paul Morton
Worthy                     Anthony Brown & group therAPy

University of Rochester – Thomas Green, Choir Director

Breathe on Me              New Jersey Mass Choir

Soloist: Gabrielle Woodard

Lord of All                Arr. JJ Hairston and Youthful Praise

Soloist: Junghwan Shim

Combined Choirs – University of Rochester, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Brockport and RIT

Every Praise               Hezekiah Walker & the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir
University of Rochester Gospel Choir

Members

Aiyanyor, Michelle          Lee, Grace          Wang, Ziang
Burrwell, Aleeya            Luna, Milagros       Willstatter, Linsey
Conley, Lauren              Ma, Linyao           Woodard, Gabrielle
Cumbana, Alfredo            Nyatanga, Prince     Woodard, Nathaniel
Hammelman, Rachel           Ogunmola, Fayokemi    Yu, Jiayan
He, Bitao                   Shim, Junghwan       Zeng, Xiyao
Jackson, Tyrell             Sun, Chunyi          Zhang, Li
Johnson, Anika              Taylor, Stephanie     Zhang, Shujian
Kapula, Ntemena             Victor-Halliday, Annabel Zhang, Yiting
Keaechi, Inudyke            Wang, Han            Zhou, Xuemeng
Krewson, Maryanna           Wang, Xiaoyan         Zulkarnain, Aisyah
Kruszewski, Taylor          Wang, Yuqin

Thank You for Your Support!

Thomas Green, Instructor\Director
Jordan Kimble, Percussionist
James Warlick, Manager of Music Performance Programs
Elaine Stroh, Music Department Manager
Dr. John Covach, Chair, The College Department of Music