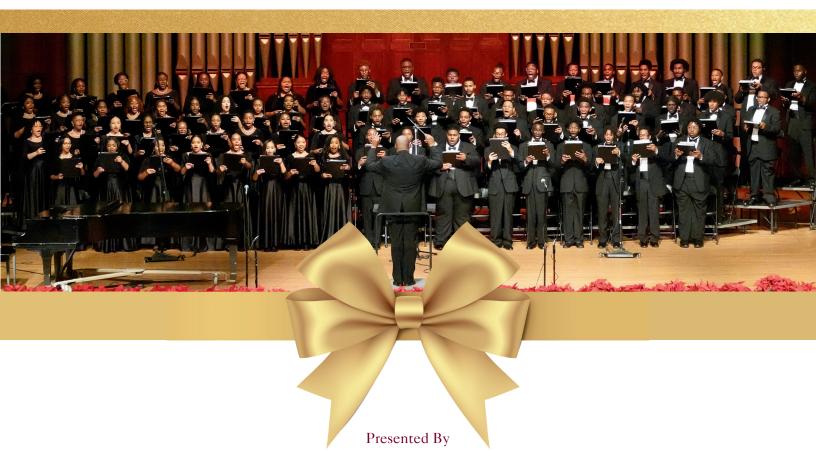


# 98th Annual MOREHOUSE & SPELMAN







THE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB | David Morrow, Director

and

THE SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB | Kevin Johnson, Director Joyce F. Johnson, Organist

FRIDAY, DEC. 6, 2024 7:30 P.M.

The Martin Luther King Jr.
International Chapel
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 2024 7:30 P.M.

The Sisters Chapel SPELMAN COLLEGE

SUNDAY, DEC. 8, 2024 6:00 P.M.

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It is requested that there be no applause at any point in this program.

The audience is invited to join with the chorus in singing the first, the last and all other selections marked with an asterisk (\*), and requested to remain seated during the processional and recessional.

#### PRELUDE

### "Carillon on a Ukranian Bell Carol"

Gerald Near

#### PROCESSIONAL

#### Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Old English

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater son!
Hail in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun.
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turns to light,
Whose souls condemned and dying,
Are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers
Spring in His path to birth;
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious
He on His throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all blest;
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever,
His changeless name of Love.









# The Ballad of the Brown King A Christmas Cantata

#### I. of the Three Wise Men

Langston Hughes arr. Margaret Bonds

Of the three wise men who came to the King, one was a brown man, so they sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

One was a brown man, so they sing, One was a brown man, came to the King. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Of the three wise men who followed the star,
One was a brown king from afar.
One was a brown king from afar,
One was a brown king, followed the star.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

One was a brown man, so they sing; One was a brown king, followed the star.

# II. They Brought Fine Gifts

Langston Hughes *arr*. Margaret Bonds

They brought fine gifts, fine gifts of silver and gold, in jeweled boxes of beauty untold, jeweled boxes of beauty untold;
Unto His humble manger they came,
They came and bowed their heads in Jesus' name.

### III. Sing Alleluia

Langston Hughes *arr*: Margaret Bonds

Sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia to our King.

### IV. Mary Had a Little Baby

Langston Hughes arr. Margaret Bonds

Mary had a little baby. Jesus, that was His name. All the world became much brighter when little Jesus, the Christ child, came.

That was in a lowly manger, Outside the night was cold. But within that lowly manger, Behold how warm His love is; Oh, behold!

Mary had a little baby, In the night a bright star shone.

I, so lost, so lost and lonely, Nevermore, nevermore, Never shall be alone.

Mary had a little baby, She had a little baby; Jesus, that was His name. Baby Jesus...

All the world became much brighter when little Jesus, the Christ child came.











### The Ballad of the Brown King A Christmas Cantata

### VII. That Was a Christmas Long Ago

Langston Hughes arr. Margaret Bonds

That was a Christmas long ago,
When the three wise men bowed so low.
The three wise men who followed the star;
One was a brown man from afar.
The three wise men who came to the King;
One was a brown man, so they sing.

## IX. They Brought Fine Gifts

Langston Hughes *arr*: Margaret Bonds

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the King.
Alleluia! Alleluia! So they sing!
He is Christ the King, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Christ the King,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise His name!
Alleluia! Christ the King!
Alleluia! They did sing!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the King!

#### Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian Carol M. Leontovich arr. Peter Wilhousky

Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells All seem to say, throw cares away Christmas is here bringing good cheer To young and old, meek and the bold

Ding, dong, ding, dong, that is their song
With joyful ring all caroling
One seems to hear words of good cheer
From everywhere filling the air

Oh, how they pound, raising the sound O'er hill and dale, telling their tale Gaily they ring while people sing Songs of good cheer, Christmas is here

Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas On, on they send, on without end Their joyful tone to every home













#### The Wexford Carol

Irish Carol arr. Howard Helvey

Good people all, this Christmas time, Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us has done, In sending His beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray To God with love this Christmas Day; In Bethlehem upon the morn There was a blest Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep; To whom God's angels did appear Which put the shepherds in great fear. Prepare and go, the angels said, To Bethlehem, be not afraid; For there you'll find, this happy morn, A princely babe, sweet Jesus born.

With thankful heart and joyful mind, The shepherds went the babe to find, And as God's angel has foretold, They did our Savior Christ behold. Within a manger He was laid, And by His side the virgin maid Attending to the Lord of Life, Who came on earth to end all strife.

#### If in Your Heart

Craig Carnahan

If in your heart you find a manger for his birth, Then God will once again become a child on earth.

If in your heart you build a shelter safe and mild, Then God will once again send down the holy child.

If in your heart you make the fear and hatred cease, Then God will once again let reign the Prince of Peace.

If in your heart you hold the babe of Bethlehem, Then God will once again bestow the diadem.

If in your heart you sing a hymn of joy and praise, Then God and angels will once again their Alleluia's raise.

If in your heart.

















#### Noe! Noe!

French Carol arr. Mack Wilberg

Shepherds, rise look up and see New light yonder breaking, Brighter than the noonday sun, All your sheep awaking. Wonder, whisper, "Ah Noe!" Christ is born this holy day! He is come to you, Lowly shepherds, true! He is come unto you; Morning Star and New Day! Wonder, whisper, "Ah Noe!"

Shepherds, turn your eyes and see In the manger, sleeping, Prince of Peace and Heavenly King, In His mother's keeping. Worship Him who brings Noe He who turns the night to day! He is come to you, Lowly shepherds, true! He is come unto you; Morning Star and New Day! Worship Him who brings Noe!

Shepherds, look about and see In the darkness pining All God's children long to hear Of the new Light shining. Witness of the true Noe! Share glad tidings of this day! His come to you, Lowly shepherds, true! He is come unto you; Morning Star and New Day! Witness of the true Noe! Shepherds, run to us and see

Here we are awaiting thee. Let your voices ring for 'aye Christ is born! Noe!

#### \*The First Noel

CHORUS AND AUDIENCE English Carol

The first noel the angel did say, Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

> They looked up and saw a star Shining in the east, beyond them far; And to the Earth it gave great light, And so it continued both day and night.

Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord, Who hath make heaven and earth of naught, And with His blood mankind has bought.

Refrain: Noel, noel, noel, noel. Born is the King of Israel.













#### Hodie

Joan Szymko

#### SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Hodie Christus natus est: Hodie Salvator apparuit: Hodie in terra canunt Angeli, Laetantur Archangeli: Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja.

Today Christ is born: Today the Saviour has appeared: Today on earth the Angels sing The Archangels rejoice: Today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest, alleluia.

### Do You Hear What I Hear?

Noel Regney, Gloria Adele Shain arr. Kevin Johnson, Gabrielle Magee

#### SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Said the night wind to the little lamb Do you see what I see? Wake up in the sky, little lamb Do you see what I see? A star, a star, dancing in the night With a tail as big as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy Do you hear what I hear?

Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy Do you hear what I hear? A song, a song high above the trees With a voice as big as the sea.

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king Do you know what I know?

A Child, a Child shivers in the cold Let us bring him silver and gold.

Said the king to the people everywhere Listen to what I say! Pray for peace, people, everywhere Listen to what I say! The Child, the child, sleeping in the night He will bring us goodness and light.











### Glory to God

Kevin Johnson

#### SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Praise the Father and the Son. You alone are the Holy One! Lord God, heavenly King. Glory to your name we sing!

Father God we worship you. Mother God we worship you. Take my sins and make me whole. Lord, revive my aching soul!

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Peace on earth, good will toward men.

#### Refrain:

Peace to Earth! Glory to God in the highest!



### Children, Go Where I Send Thee

arr. Kevin Johnson Negro Spiritual

#### SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Children go where I send thee, How shall I send thee? One for the little bitty baby Wrapped in swaddlin' clothin', Laid down in a manger, That's born! Born, Born, Born in Bethlehem!

Children go where I send thee, How shall I send thee? Two for Paul and Silas One for the little bitty baby Wrapped in swaddlin' clothin', That's born! Born, Born, Born in Bethlehem!

Children go where I send thee, How shall I send thee? I'm gonna send thee ten by ten Ten for the ten commandments. Nine for the nine that dressed so fine. Eight for the eight that stood at the gate. Seven for the seven that when up to heaven. Six for the six that never got fixed. Five for the gospel preachers. Four for the four that stood at the door. Three for the Hebrew chillun' Two for Paul and Silas One for the little bitty baby Wrapped in swaddlin' clothin', Laid down in a manger!

#### Refrain:

That's born! Born, Born, Born in Bethlehem!









#### We Are Christmas

Sarah Benibo/Kevin Johnson SPELMAN COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

In a stable in Bethlehem a baby was born, born of a virgin,
God's only son. Angel Gabriel told them to have joy have no fear; for
this baby our Savior He could dry every tear.

Mary magnified The Lord in her soul and she cried, for this Baby,
she would bear, Had all power and all might.

Born for all people to be free and Redeemed, he lives today within
us though we don't always see.

So this Christmas please remember what the true meaning is: Remember Gabriel and Mary and the Savior who lives. Remember we are Christ among us and we live for His cause to fulfill his purpose daily as we bring joy to all.

We are comfort for the hurting, mending each broken heart
We are friendly to the lonesome and unite those far apart.
We're his hands who touch the sick and they're instantly whole.
We are water for the thirsty and speak peace to ev'ry soul.

He lives in you! He lives in me! We are Christmas!

#### Refrain:

We are Christmas, We are God's hands
To care for one another in these worn torn lands.
We are Christmas, the love that we share,
Will carry one another 'til we understand,
We are Christmas!

# \*Joy To The World

George F. Handel
CHORUS AND AUDIENCE

Joy to the world, the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ, While field and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy.











#### Star of Wonder

Terre Roche

#### MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Star of wonder in the Heavens Wonder what you want of me Should I follow you tonight Star of wonder Star of wonder

I am just a lonely Sheppard Watching from a distant hill Why do you appear to me Star of wonder If you will

In the morning they'll come looking for the Sheppard on the hill What would make her leave her flock For surely she must love them still?

> Star of wonder in the heavens Are you just a shining star Or should I follow you tonight

> > Star of wonder Star of wonder Shining bright

## Heavenly Light

arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

#### MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given, On great and small to shine, O light divine! May each soul in sorrow's night, See the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation Lead us to our salvation! All those who feet may falter Lead unto the sacred altar Oh, shine from above, divine light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light divine, we praise thee!

# Canto de Aguinaldo

arr. Channing Lefebvre

#### MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Pampanitos verdes, pampanitos verdes Ya Viene la vieja, Con el Aguinaldo Le parece mucho, Le viene quitando Pampanitos verdes y hojas de limón La Virgen Maria parió sin dolor

Ya vienen los reves Por el arenal, y traen al Niño Una torre real, y le traen al niño una torre real. Ah! Pamanitos verdes y hojas do limón, La Virgen Maria Madre del Señor.

Little green blooms, little green blooms Here comes dear old lady, with the Christmas presents It seems like a lot of them, she's taking some away Little green blooms and lemon leaves The Virgin Mother gave birth without pain.

Here comes the Wise Men through the desert and bringing a royal tower For the Baby Jesus Ah! With little green blooms and lemon leaves. The virgin Mary, mother of our Lord.











# Ring Out, Ye Bells

Matthew Erpelding Text by Paul Laurence Dunbar adapt. Matthew Erpelding MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Sing, people, sing, for tonight a King hath come from heaven's throne to bless us. The outstretched hand all over the land Is raised in pity to caress us.

I say, ring out, ye bells! For now all Nature swells with gladness at the wondrous story. The world was lost and lorn, but now our Christ is born.

To change our sadness into glory. The darkness breaks, and the Dawn awakes, Her cheeks suffused with youthful blushes. The rocks and stones into holy tones Are singing sweeter than the thrushes.

Behold the trumpet call, announcing joy to all; Away with mourning and with sadness. Come hear the heav'nly choir with their holy fire Their voices raise in songs of gladness.

Then why should we in silence be, When Nature lends her voice to praises; When heaven and earth proclaim the truth Of Him for whom that lone star blazes?

No, be not still, but with a will Strike all your harps and set them ringing; On hill and heath let every breath Throw all its power into singing!

All sing: ring out, ye bells! For now all Nature swells with gladness at the wondrous story. The world was lost and lorn, but now our Christ is born To change our sadness into glory.

### Hail Mary!

Spiritual arr. William Dawson MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Mary had a lit'l' baby Born in Bethlehem Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, She rock'd him in a weary lan'. Ain't that a Rockin' for the worl', Oh, she rock'd an' rock'd, She rock'd him in a weary lan'.

He was born in a lowly manager, 'Cause there was foun' no room in the inn; Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, She rock'd him in a weary lan'. Ain't that a Rockin' for the worl', Oh, she rock'd an' rock'd, She rock'd him in a weary lan'.

Yes, There were shepherds abidin' in the field, Keepin' watch o'er their flock by night. "Unto you a babe is born this day," Said the angel of the Lord to the shepherds in the field.

> Angels call'd Him "Christ the Lord," But I call my Jesus "King Emmanuel." Ev'ry time the lit'l' baby cried, She rock'd him in a weary lan'.

> > Hail! Mary, Virgin Mary, Hail! "Chile of God."











#### Betelehemu

(Yoruba/Nigerian) Olatunji-Whalum

#### MOREHOUSE COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Awa yio ri Baba Gbojule Awa yio ri Baba Feyinti Nibo Labi Jesu Nibo la gbe bi i

Betelehemu ilu ara Nibe labi Baba o daju Iyin, iyin, iyin ni fun o Adupe fun ojo oni Baba olore o Iyin fun o Baba anu Baba, to dawa si We are glad that we have a Father to trust,
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.
Where was Jesus born?
Where was He born?

Bethlehem, the city of wonder
That's where the Father was born for sure!
Praise, praise, praise be to Him.
We thank thee for this day.
Gracious Father
Praise be to the Father
Merciful Father

#### \*O Come All Ye Faithful

J.F. Wade
CHORUS AND AUDIENCE

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

> Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing!

#### Refrain:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!









#### Behold The Star!

arr. William L. Dawson Negro Jubilee

Behold the star! Behold the star up yonder! Behold the star! It is the star of Bethlehem. There was no room found in the inn, For Him who was born free from sin.

The wise men came from the East, To worship Him, the "Prince of Peace." A song broke forth upon the night, Peace, peace on earth, good will to men.

### Glory Hallelujah to the New Born King

arr. Mark Butler Negro Spiritual

Refrain:

Oh Glory! Hallelujah!
Who do you call that wonderful Counselor.
Oh, glory hallelujah to the new born King.
Let me tell ya He was born in a manger, He was born in Bethlehem, the Son of the most high God, and Jesus is His name.
Let me tell ya He's the King of all nations, Savior and Lord of Lords and he reigns forever and Jesus is His name.

### Jesus, What A Wonderful Child

arr. Rollo Dilworth

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child. Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope to all He brings. Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!"

He was herald'd by the angels, Yes, born in a lowly manger. God chose the virgin Mary as His mother, And Joseph as His earthly father.

Three wise men trav'llin' from afar,
They were guided by that shinin' star to see King Jesus where He lay in a manger full of hay.

Some traveled north, some traveled south to see this wonderful Child. Some traveled east, some traveled west to see this wonderful Child.

Celebrate Jesus, Jesus, Oh, what a wonderful Child! Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild.

New life, new hope to all He brings. Listen to the angels sing: "Glory, glory, glory to the new born King!" Jesus!











#### I Believe This Is Jesus

arr. Undine Smith Moore
I believe this is Jesus;
come and see, come and see.

The Light of God shines in his face, He offers all his pard'ning grace; come and see, come and see.

> Yes, yes, yes, come and see, come and see. Yes, Lord.

Oh, I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

#### \*Go Tell It On The Mountain

Negro Spiritual
CHORUS AND AUDIENCE

Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is-a born.

When I was a seeker, I sought both night and day; I asked the Lord to help me And he showed me the way.

He made me a watchman Upon a city wall; And if I am a Christian, I am the least of all.









#### RECESSIONAL

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Come, Desire of Nations, come,
Fix in us thy humble home.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail th' Incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Hail, the heav'n born
Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.













# Morehouse College Glee Club Roster for the 98th Annual Christmas Carol Concert

Xavier Andrews Langston Bassett\* Jouvence Benoit\* **Braylon Bodison** Matthew Brock Jr Jalen Brown Josiah Brown\* Kvree Burley Nathaniel Cangé\* Shawn Carter Justin Clopton\* Courtland Coleman\* Neil Collymore\* Juquwayne Crockett\* Dalin Davis\* Allheim Devan-Bev\* Xavier Dovle\* Devan Durrett\* Lesh'In Edwards\* Mason Filio\* Sebastien Ford\* Elijah Gatling\* Amare Glenn\* Stephen Goff\* Sean Hallers Harlem Henderson Mehki Hollv\* Donovan Hood Lance Johnson Jr.

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# The Spelman College Glee Club Roster for the 98th Annual Christmas Carol Concert

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