



THE TEXAS COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR PRESENTS:

# WHY WE SING

THE EVOLUTION OF BLACK SACRED MUSIC

*City of Emory, Texas*

**Black History Month Celebration**

**Saturday, February 23rd 2019**

**1:00 PM**

**Rains High School Cafetorium**

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# P R E S S   R E L E A S E

## **Celebrate Black History Month At Rains HIGH School Cafetorium Event planned for February 23, 2019**

**What:** Each year beginning on February 01, an entire month of events are planned nationwide honoring the contributions of African Americans.

The theme for Black History month in 2019 is "Black Migrations" tracking the continuous movement of blacks from the American South to the industrialized North and beyond.

To that end, Friends of Prairie Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Emory, TX. have worked hard planning a very unique, enjoyable and informative celebration in partnership with the Rains High School Theater and Fine Arts Departments.

The Texas College Concert Choir will proudly perform its major concert production, "Why We Sing: The Evolution of Black Sacred Music" this most stunning and moving production will highlight sacred works from prominent African American composers such as Roland Carter, Moses Hogan, Stacey Gibbs, Richard Smallwood, Kirk Franklin, John P. Kee, and many others.

Through versatile vocal and artistic creative genius, this premiere ensemble will take attendees on a historical musical journey highlighting key contributors to the development of the unique sound of African American Music. In addition, the production will include a moving tribute to the "Queen of Soul", Ms. Aretha Franklin.

The Texas College Choir, widely acclaimed as one of the finest collegiate musical ensembles in the State of Texas, is under the direction of Dr. Michelle Magee-Norfleet & Texas College alumnus, Mr. Saul Gates.

**When:** Saturday, February 23, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

**Where:** Rains High School Cafetorium 1759 W.U.S. Highway 69 Emory, TX. 75440

**Who:** Churches, organizations, businesses, students, families, elected officials and anyone ready for a historical musical journey *THIS IS A FREE EVENT, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*  
*Texas College located in Tyler, Tx. is one of the 101 Historical Black Colleges and Universities in America.*

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