



BENEFIT CONCERT

FEATURING

CALLIE DAY
+ Ecumenical Choir



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MAY 21, 2023 AT 4:00PM

THE PROGRAM

Prelude

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell, Senior Minister

Greeting

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag, Associate Minister

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Introduction of Featured Artists

PART 1

Calesta “Callie” Day, soprano

Dr. Tony McNeill, piano

The solo portion of tonight’s performance will be selected from the following:

You Can Tell The World

Arr. Margaret Bonds

Ave Maria

Johann Sebastian Bach, Adapted by Charles Gounod

Gospel Blues

Robert L. Morris

Prayer

Ricky Ian Gordon

Ain’t That Good News

Traditional Negro Spiritual

Guide My Feet

Arr. Jacqueline B. Hairston

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Mark Hayes

Here’s One

Arr. William Grant Still

Changed My Name

Arr. Verolga Nix

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan

Introduction of Beneficiaries

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Greetings from Regional AIDS Interfaith Network

Chelsea Gulden, President & CEO

PART 2

Calesta “Callie” Day, soprano

The Ecumenical Choir

Dr. Tony McNeill, piano

David Steele, bass

Darian Kirkpatrick, percussion

All Things Are Working

Joe Pace

He Never Failed Me Yet

Robert Ray

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma B. Androzzo, Arr. Kay Pace

Dedicated to the vision and ministry of the
Regional AIDS Interfaith Network of Charlotte, NC

For Every Mountain

Kurt Carr

Acknowledgments

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Benediction

Rev. Tara Gibbs, Associate Minister

Postlude

The Ecumenical Choir

Sopranos

Denise Adell	Trinity Worship Center (SDA)
Rita Barrett	Rockwell AME Zion Church
Vivian Brown	Reeder Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
Stephanie Carter	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Starr Clinton	Steele Creek Church of Charlotte, NC
McKenzie Coleman	Myers Park Baptist Church
Brooksetta Davidson	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Crystal Garris	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Mia Mason	Mia Mason Productions
Mary Miller	Myers Park Baptist Church
Fran Morrison	Myers Park Baptist Church
Jackie Wilson	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Altos

Sandra Allgood	China Grove AME Zion Church
Rita Berry	St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
Bobbie Campbell	Myers Park Baptist Church
Alisha Carr	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Mandy Greene	Fairfield County Public Schools (Columbia, SC)
Robin Leigh Hicks	Myers Park Baptist Church
Nancy Hudson	Myers Park Baptist Church
Gloria Jackson	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Dr. Cassandra Jones	Clinton College (Rock Hill, SC)
Rev. Leslie Oliver	Sanctuary Outreach Ministries
Shari Rankin	Reeder Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
Rita Simmons	Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church
Brandy Smith	The Village Ministry
Safiatou Souare	Trinity Worship Center (SDA)
Deborah Steiner	Myers Park Baptist Church
Nelda Tatum	Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

The Ecumenical Choir

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Tenors

Cameron Brown
Suzette Byrd
Kevin Gray
Dontavious Harris
Elijah Henderson
Lori McElrath
Ada Meador
Betty Meador
Quantrel Smith

Voices of Life Chorale of Charlotte, NC
Charlotte, NC
Myers Park Baptist Church
New Ellis Chapel Church
Charlotte, NC
Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
The Village Ministry

Bass

David Young
Mark Chatman
R. J. Jones
Greg Pipkin

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About Callie Day



Calesta “Callie” Day is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. She is an educator, artist, vocalist, and vocal instructor. She is a multi-talented and gifted woman of God, with a range of vocal abilities. Her anointed style, production and spiritual perceptiveness has proved her as one of the most dynamic and compelling talents. She has traveled extensively performing across the nation, and in Europe and Central America. Recently, Callie has taken social media by storm as fans all over the United States have captured her amazing voice in videos that have instantly gone viral; especially her vocal rendition of Moses Hogan’s “Hear My Prayer” that has also taken the internet by storm and has made Calesta an internet phenomenon. Even before then, many had already seen her gifts in churches and schools where she has taught and served, especially in her local Walmart where she was featured as the “Singing Pharmacy Tech” on several commercial videos. She is also a soloist/performer with the American Spiritual Ensemble.

Mrs. Day’s freshman album “Hear My Prayer” released on April 14, 2017 is available on all digital networks. She also placed #9 and #24th on the Billboard Magazine’s Gospel and Classical music charts. Callie premiered and debuted in PLAY; the first piece created for the Paris Opera Ballet by Swedish choreographer Alexander Ekman December 2017 at the Palais Garnier Opera House. On August 6, 2019, Callie was a contestant on America’s Got Talent Season 14 where she made it all the way to the judge cuts with celebrity guest judge, Jay Leno. Mrs. Day received an Associate of Arts degree from Sinclair Community College in Vocal Performance, Bachelor’s degree from Bowling Green State University (Oh) in Vocal Performance, the Master’s degree in Education with a Music Concentration from the University of Dayton. Callie is also currently a candidate for the Master of Fine Arts (Miami University, Oh) and Doctor of Music degrees (University of Kentucky) in Voice Performance. Her doctoral project is "Exploring the Role of African American Opera Singers in The Establishment of The Spiritual as A Musical Art Form From 1900 To 1920". Since the pandemic outbreak of Covid 19, Calesta recently is giving private vocal lessons via online. She also released a music video project titled “In Trouble” written by composer/writers; Ms. Monica Hodnett and Ms. Theresa Metzger

About Dr. Tony McNeill



Dr. Tony McNeill, affectionately known as Dr. T., is a sought-after workshop clinician, lecturer, consultant, mentor, and guest choral conductor throughout the country. Dr. T. served as Director of Choral Activities and Chairman of the Department of Performing Arts at Clinton College in Rock Hill, SC, from 2019-2022. Before his appointment at Clinton College, he was a Visiting Professor and Interim Choral Director at Texas Southern University (TSU) in Houston, TX. Dr. McNeill also served four and a half years as the Director of Worship and the Arts at Atlanta and Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, “America and Freedom Church.”

In 2022, Dr. McNeill served as Artist-in-Residence for Covenant Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC) and Myers Park Presbyterian Church (Charlotte, NC). He now serves as Interim Minister of Music at Myers Park Baptist Church (Charlotte, NC).

He is an adjunct professor of music and worship at Campbell University (Buies Creek, NC), Clinton College, The Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta, GA), and Union Presbyterian Seminary (Charlotte, NC). He is the Founder/Curator of THE CALL 2 WORSHIP GROUP, an online community of musicians and clergy. Dr. McNeill has lectured for Duke Divinity School, Hampton University Ministers Conference, The Hymn Society of the United States and Canada, American Choral Directors Association, Shaw University Ministers Conference, and for Association of Partners in Christian Education (PCUSA), and led music for the 2022 Montreat Youth Conference (Omega, Weeks 5 and 6). He has coordinated and led worship for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies’ Space for Grace Conference, the Forum for Theological Exploration, The Black Theology and Leadership Institute at Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Montreat Conference Center as well as other faith communities. Dr. T. is a former member and assistant director of Donald Lawrence and The Tri-City Singers.

Dr. Tony earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Appalachian State University, with an emphasis in piano and choral music; a master's degree in choral conducting from Florida State University (Tallahassee, FL); and a Doctor of Worship Studies from The Robert Webber Institute for Worship Studies (Jacksonville, FL). He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity.

About RAIN

Regional AIDS Interfaith Network



RAIN empowers persons living with HIV to be healthy and stigma-free. RAIN has provided programs and services for people living with HIV for over 30 years in the Charlotte metropolitan community. In 1992, compassionate volunteers from the faith community formed care teams to support individuals dying from AIDS. Since then, RAIN has transitioned to helping those living with HIV access health care and supportive services so they can live fully. RAIN also connects individuals at risk for HIV to prevention technologies, including PrEP. More information is available at carolinarain.org or on social media platforms at RAINCLT.

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