

UNITY PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION
presents

RISE UP CONCERT

featuring
THE VOICES OF UNITY YOUTH CHOIR
Marshall White, Music Director

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 • 6 PM • PFW MUSIC CENTER



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A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Tonight marks a significant milestone for Unity Performing Arts Foundation. This evening represents a time of rebuilding, rejuvenation, and reignition for our organization. In 2020, we faced a catastrophic global pandemic that shut down the world, halting all progress and productivity. UNITY suffered losses, including a decline in membership and the suspension of most of our programming. The Voices of Unity Youth Choir, which had been 20 years in the making, was decimated by the impact of COVID-19.

In 2022, we came together to brainstorm and created the “Rising with Purpose Rebuilding Initiative.” This initiative includes a marketing campaign, a capital campaign, a membership drive, and a community referral pipeline project. It has given hope and purpose to our organization, helping us regain our presence in the community and beyond. By September 2023, we were honored to be invited to participate in the World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand, in July 2024.

As we accepted this invitation, we had already begun rebuilding the Voices of Unity program. Our membership began to grow through our “Rising with Purpose Membership Drive” for the 2022–2023 season. By the 2023–2024 season, the Voices of Unity program had increased by 60% to nearly 70 students. This journey of rebuilding has been filled with ups and downs, challenges, and many obstacles. Still, with the determination to rise and move forward, our organization has taken a strong and positive stance.

Tonight, you will be thrilled to see that this new generation of Voices of Unity members consists mostly of Generation Alpha students ages 12 and under. While their experience may not yet match that of previous Voices of Unity members, their hearts and dedication are unwavering. We hope you will join us in building the next generation of leaders and professionals and supporting our efforts to continue producing quality programming and nurturing quality lives.

We also encourage you to open your hearts and resources to support our journey to Auckland, New Zealand, providing these children with an invaluable experience that will help them understand the importance of achieving at the highest level. Having youth in our community who represent us with excellence enhances the image of our city—a priceless jewel. We hope Fort Wayne will never take the Voices of Unity program for granted and will always be proud to support and promote them.

Thank you for joining us tonight and being part of this new beginning. We hope you leave feeling blessed and inspired, and remember to continue to rise up with purpose.



Marshall White
Founder/CEO

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

A quote that shares my thought process when I reflect on UNITY, these last four years, and where we are now:

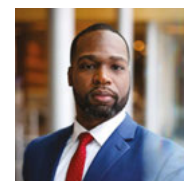
“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error

and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.” – Theodore Roosevelt

To the staff, our children, our leader, our board members, and benefactors – we’ve been in

the arena. We’ve dared greatly. Therefore, as we stand here, marred by the test of time, we are UNITY, and we have prevailed.

This concert is the first of many. We celebrate with you, and together, we will RISE.



Davyd Jones
Chairman of the Board

UPCOMING EVENTS



World Choir Games

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JULY 14-21, 2024

A NEW DAWN THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!

After nearly a decade, July 2024 marks our much-anticipated return to the international stage at the 13th World Choir Games. This isn't just a competition. This is a hopeful resurgence for our choir after a pandemic that sought to knock us down and tested our resolve.

But we will RISE UP to the occasion – Our moment is NOW!

RISE UP TOUR

The Voices of Unity Youth Choir is embarking on the Rise Up Tour to compete in the 13th World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand. This tour marks our choir's first appearance since the 2014 World Choir Games, symbolizing rejuvenation and growth. It provides a vital opportunity for our young talents to showcase their skills and embrace the "Rising with Purpose" initiative, introduced in 2022.

This tour will also significantly benefit the city of Fort Wayne, enhancing its image and instilling a sense of pride in the community. The choir's international presence will highlight Fort Wayne's cultural vitality and commitment to youth development. The enormous impact on our students will be immediate and long-term, fostering personal growth, academic success, and future aspirations.

ABOUT THE WORLD CHOIR GAMES

The World Choir Games, often called "The Olympics of Choral Music," is the largest global choral festival and competition, featuring diverse categories and uniting nations through song.

Supported by the New Zealand government's Major Events Fund, this event will welcome 11,000 singers from 250 choirs across 30 countries, providing our young singers with unparalleled exposure and development opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS, cont.

ABOUT THE VOICES OF UNITY YOUTH CHOIR & DIRECTOR MARSHALL WHITE

Based in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Voices of Unity Youth Choir (VOU) is an award-winning ensemble recognized for its powerful performances and commitment to youth development. Founded in 2000 as part of the Unity Performing Arts Foundation, VOU features young talents aged 6 to 19 from diverse backgrounds, performing genres from gospel to classical.

Under Director and Life Coach Marshall White, VOU has achieved international recognition, including gold medals at the World Choir Games in China, USA, and Riga, Latvia, performances at Carnegie Hall, and tours in Italy, Vatican City, Hungary, and Austria. The choir has also performed at prestigious events like the NFL Kick-Off Celebration on national television, the opening VIP Ceremony for the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, and the inauguration ceremony of Indiana's governor Mitch Daniels.

Mr. White mentors his students, emphasizing discipline, perseverance, and self-belief, fostering confident, well-rounded individuals. His influence extends into the Fort Wayne community, promoting cultural diversity, arts education, and youth empowerment. Together, VOU and Mr. White inspire audiences and participants with their message of unity and purpose.

THE RISE UP TOUR'S IMPACT ON OUR STUDENTS



1. Cultural Exposure & Global Awareness

Participants gain firsthand experience of different cultures, fostering empathy and respect.

2. Educational Opportunities

Traveling and participating in international events provide practical, real-world learning experiences.

3. Personal Growth and Development

Navigating new environments builds self-confidence and resilience.

4. Social Skills and Networking

Interaction with peers from different backgrounds enhances social skills and communication abilities.

5. Lifelong Memories and Experiences

The memories and experiences gained inspire future aspirations and personal development.

WE REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT THIS EVENING

Join us in supporting the Voices of Unity Youth Choir on their Rise Up Tour to the 2024 World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand! Your contribution will help our talented young singers showcase their skills on a global stage, experience transformative cultural exchanges, and continue their personal and artistic growth journey.

Donate today to help us reach our \$500,000 fundraising goal by July 31, 2024. Together, we can empower the next generation of artists and ambassadors, fostering unity and excellence in our community and beyond. Your support makes a difference!

Donate now at
RISEUPUNITY.COM
and be a part of this
incredible journey!



UPCOMING EVENTS, cont.

RISE UP WEEK JULY 7-14

Join us for Rise Up Week, a vital fundraising initiative to support the Voices of Unity Youth Choir's journey to the World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand. Throughout the week, we, along with various small businesses, churches, and corporations, will host a variety of engaging events designed to rally community support and generate essential funds. Don't worry, our singers will be performing at each event!

Your participation during this week is crucial in helping our talented choir members achieve their dreams and represent our community on an international stage.

For more details, visit riseupunity.com

UNITY NEW MEMBERS REGISTRATION

FALL REGISTRATION
August – October 2024

SPRING REGISTRATION
January–February 2025

UNITY has something for everyone for young people ages 7–19
Get your child involved!

- Voices of Unity Youth Choir
- Mini Maestro Piano Class
- Expression — Creative Writing
- Public Speaking
- Youth Leadership Development
- Dance Class

Volunteers are welcome to join and are needed at UNITY!
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PRAISE CELEBRATION CONCERT

Featuring The Voices of Unity Youth
Choir, Directed by Marshall White

Sunday, January 12, 2025
5:00 PM

PFW Music Center

BIOS

MARSHALL WHITE



Marshall White is the Founder/CEO of Unity Performing Arts Foundation (UPAF), a multi-faceted performing arts organization with a strong focus on youth development and an artistic focus on soulful art forms. He is the director/life coach for The Voices of Unity Youth Choir, the first phase of UPAF's choral program. His honors include the 2003 Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne's Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Program Development and Excellence, 2005 honorary doctorate in ministry from Fort Wayne Theological Seminary and Bible College of Fort Wayne, 2008 Great Men, Great Women Award for his outstanding commitment to diversity from Indiana/Purdue University of Fort Wayne Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, selected by Governor Mitch Daniels in July 2012 to receive the prestigious Governor's Award (The Rev. Charles

Williams Community Service Excellence Award), the 2013 Dr. Jesse White Memorial Community Leadership Award by the True Love Baptist Church, 2014 Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne's Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Outstanding Arts Educator, 2015 award recipient of the Ian Rolland Community Service Award, Fatherhood Award for 2016 from the Social Status for African American Males, 2016 Medgar Evers Lifetime Achievement Award from Fort Wayne/Allen County branch of the NAACP and the 2017 Whatzup Stan Lidell Award.

The Voices of Unity performed on national television with R&B sensation Keyshia Cole for the NFL 2007 Kick-Off Celebration for the Indianapolis Colts. They shared the performance stage with John Mellencamp, Stephen Stills and Kelly Clarkson. They also performed for several of the Indianapolis Colts games and events, including the opening of the new Lucas Oil Stadium in 2008. The Voices of Unity Youth Choir was named one of the top 50 arts and humanities-based programs in the country serving youth beyond school hours. The recognition was announced as part of the 2009 Coming Up Taller Awards, bestowed by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, the

National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In July 2010, Mr. White lead the Voices of Unity Youth Choir to their first international competition as representatives of the United States of America and won the World Grand Champion title and two gold medals at the 6th World Choir Games in Shaoxing, China. He was presented the General's Award of Fort Wayne by Dan O'Connell, President/CEO Fort Wayne Allen County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Mayor Tom Henry, City of Fort Wayne on July 30, 2010. The choir has now won five gold medals and one silver medal in the World Choir Games (Choir Olympics) in 2010, 2012 and 2014. In 2016, the Voices of Unity completed a 14 day, 4 country European tour which included performing a full mass at the Vatican. On January 24, 2017, Marshall received the YLNI Ian Rolland Courageous Leadership Award.

Marshall has three children; Markeyta, Kamia, and Evan White, and a stepson Chad Edmonds. He is married to Cynthia White.

TYRONE TOLBERT



Tyrone Tolbert, Band Director, was born in Fort Wayne, IN, in 1976 to the late Rev. James and Juanita Tolbert. He is the second oldest of six boys, all musicians. He is the brother of Lance Tolbert.

"Our mother gave us our musical start, teaching us piano and Sunday school hymns." From there, Tyrone played for various churches and groups in Fort Wayne, including UNITY, FWYE, Mt. Ararat, the White Family, and countless solo artists

(Marshall White: Northrop High School '93-'94, Gordon Martin, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, working directly with Adrian Mann.)

He participated in UNITY's 2016 Journey to the Vatican European Tour and played the pipe organ at the Vatican. Tyrone is married and currently lives in Indianapolis, IN. He is the co-owner of Eclectic Soul Music Group, MD for The Soul Lounge Band, and plays for three churches.

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMERS

JORDAN APPLIGATE



Jordan was born and raised in Fort Wayne, IN. At the age of 15, he joined the Voices of Unity Youth Choir, where he immediately fell in love with the soulful arts. He soon developed his unique sound after receiving training from The Voices of Unity and personal music mentors Marshall White & Gordon Martin.

Juggling his love for the arts and sports was something that took dedication and commitment throughout his high school and college years. Jordan, a 5-year scholarship athlete at Ball State

University, made a commitment to stay connected to music while playing college football and pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management from Ball State University's Miller College of Business.

He traveled with the World Champion Voices of Unity as an alum and guest soloist when VOU competed in the World Choir Games in both Shaoxing, China (2010) and Riga, Latvia (2014). In 2016, he had the honor of being the Tour Manager for UNITY's Journey to The Vatican Tour, which was a 2-week, 4 country tour that included a historical performance at St. Peter's Basilica, The Vatican.

Jordan currently works as the Sr. Director of Human Resources (Recruiting & Retention) at Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he and his wife, Heather, reside with their 3 children, Malachi, Judah, and Arianna. Jordan also currently serves on UNITY's Board of Directors. Jordan was

a Worship Leader for a number of years with Heartland Worship (Indianapolis). Heartland Worship released their debut EP, *Light Up My Life*, in 2014. Their EP was widely seen when it reached the #8 spot on iTunes Daily Christian and Gospel Album Charts. The following year, they released their full-length album with original worship music titled *He Is*. The album was widely accepted, peaked at #3 on iTunes Christian and Gospel Albums Charts, and was #3 on Billboard's Heatseekers - East North Central Charts.

Jordan is currently the Worship Leader at City Church (City Movement) in Fort Wayne. In 2022, City Movement released its first EP, *Live Like This*, and their single, "We Proclaim," was featured on Apple Music's Best New Gospel Songs playlist. Jordan is also one of the lead vocalists for Fort Wayne's local favorite, Casual Friday.

JORDAN BRIDGES



Jordan is an up-and-coming artist from Fort Wayne, IN, who performs as an acoustic soloist while adding a unique spin on a one-man band. He is also an independent singer-songwriter who is driven by soul-infused music with no specific genre.

He is passionate about using the arts to connect all different types of people together. He is also an alumnus of the Voices of Unity Youth Choir, which he joined back in 2009.

SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMERS, cont.

ALIVIA CROXTON



Alivia Croxton is a proud 25-year-old alumna of the Voices of Unity Youth Choir and the blessed mother of a wonderful 3-year-old son named Bryson.

She harbors a deep passion for singing, public speaking, and discovering new ways to share the love of Jesus Christ. Her life underwent a profound transformation when she wholeheartedly said “Yes” to God, allowing her to fully embrace the gifts bestowed upon her.

Joining the UNITY team was a natural choice for Croxton, inspired by their pledge: “To reach back to

give back.” As an alumna, she is deeply committed to providing the current members of UNITY with the same life-changing experiences she was fortunate to receive as a child. This organization has had an incredible impact on her life, and she is dedicated to passing on the blessings she has received.

UNITY is more than just a performing arts organization; it is a powerful catalyst for positive change in the lives of young people.

Her favorite quote: “Never say NO to an opportunity to Grow!”

– Marshall White

KARLA DOTY



Karla Doty graduated from North Side High School in 1987 and is currently employed with the Boys and Girls Club of Fort Wayne.

Singing has always been her dream, and she began her musical journey at the age of 14 after moving to Fort Wayne. Over the years, Karla’s passion for music has only grown, and she loves to perform, especially at Historic Turner Chapel, where her talent and dedication truly shine. She hopes that traveling with UPAF will open more doors for her,

allowing her to share her voice with a wider audience and fulfill her dream of reaching many people through her music.

In addition to her musical pursuits, Karla has a love for cooking. She enjoys experimenting with new recipes and flavors in the kitchen, and this passion has led her to a second profession as a Sous Chef. Balancing her two loves, music and cooking, Karla brings creativity and enthusiasm to everything she does.

JAMES HUNT



James Hunt joined UNITY at the age of 10 in 2004. He was active in VOU and UNITY’s first creative writing program, Power of Passion, throughout high school and was part of the group that traveled to China in 2010 and won Grand Champion at the World Choir Games.

James graduated from Northrop High School and attended Ivy Tech, where he majored in Human Services with a concentration in Youth Development. He joined the

UNITY staff at the end of COVID-19 in 2022 and is now a UNITY parent, passing on the legacy down to his daughter.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

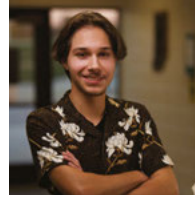


RAYNA HETTINGER

AGE: 18

GRADUATED: North Side

ATTENDING: IU Bloomington



JULIAN STEWART

AGE: 17

GRADUATED: East Allen University

ATTENDING: Purdue Fort Wayne

Nasjee Bennett
Makenna Cartwright
James Hardy
Jawyonne Hill
Asia Langhorne
Nataya Russell
Malina Yisrael
John Johnson

Amyah Kimble
Gregory Perry Jr.
Simi Adeosun
Jaedan Early
Jaylin Early
Ni'asia Farley
Sandra Berkey
Jaylasha Starks

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Naomi Young
Kamila Ojuri
Kierra Pinkston
Camille Kugler
Jessica Bermudez



RISING WITH PURPOSE

Unity Performing Arts Foundation



IGNITING HOPE BUILDING FUTURES

The Unity Performing Arts Foundation (UNITY) is launching the “Rising with Purpose” Rebuilding Initiative from 2022–2025. This strategic effort aims to rebuild, strengthen, and expand UNITY to ensure it remains a beacon of excellence and a nurturing ground for future leaders.

The initiative is structured around key projects: A Marketing Campaign, A \$5,000,000 Capital Campaign, A Membership Drive, the Rise Up Tour to the 2024 World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand, and A Community Referral Pipeline.

Pillars of the Initiative

Visibility and Awareness:
Elevate UNITY’s presence to inspire the next generation of artists and leaders.

Capacity, Sustainability, & Impact: Expand reach to nurture youth potential.

Membership & Growth:
Cultivate a vibrant, diverse community.

Inspiring, Equipping, & Nurturing Youth: Focus on growth, exposure, and fostering passion and community impact.

Community Engagement & Partnerships: Forge alliances that resonate with UNITY’s mission and values.

ABOUT THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL: \$5,000,000

The “Rising with Purpose” Capital Campaign is an ambitious initiative by UNITY aimed at raising \$5,000,000 to support the organization’s growth and sustainability.

Unlike traditional capital campaigns focused on bricks and mortar, this campaign is dedicated to building quality, excellent young people who will become valuable assets to employers, companies, businesses, and communities.

Our focus is on developing and nurturing future leaders, enhancing UNITY’s reach, and ensuring the organization’s long-term success and sustainability. Your support will help UNITY continue to be a beacon of excellence and a nurturing ground for the young people in our community.

We are asking businesses, corporations, foundations, churches, and donors of all levels to join us in this transformative journey. Your support for this initiative is more than a donation—it’s an affirmation of faith in the power of the arts and youth development to change lives and create a society where every voice is valued. Together, we can craft a narrative of triumph that will echo through the lives of our youth for generations to come.

Allocation of the Funds

Programming Expansion (\$500,000)

Launch a Youth Development Leadership Module and broaden artistic programming.

Scholarship Support (\$150,000)

Provide financial assistance to economically challenged families and college-bound students.

Operational Growth (\$350,000)

Hire quality staff, provide staff, board, and volunteer ongoing development training, and maintain and upgrade our Program & Training Center.

Equipment & Infrastructure Growth (\$500,000)

Upgrade technology and transportation.

Rise Up Tour (\$500,000)

Enable the Voices of Unity Youth Choir to perform at the 2024 World Choir Games.

Long-Term Reserve Fund (\$3,000,000)

Establish a financial safety net to ensure stability and sustainability. Membership Drive.

DONATE TODAY!

Donate Now at RISEUPUNITY.COM to help us reach our \$5,000,000 goal by July 2024 and be a part of this incredible journey to empower the next generation of leaders and artists.

Your contribution makes a difference!



PROGRAM

EMCEE		Dee Chambers
WELCOME		Purdue Official
GREETING		Davyd Jones, UNITY Board Chair
INTRODUCTION OF MARSHALL WHITE		Donovan Coley
HONORING THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 2024		Marshall White
HONORING THE COLLEGE GRADUATES OF 2024		Marshall White

RISE UP MONOLOGUE	Performed By: Johelga Portela	Written By: Johelga Portela, assisted by Rick Farrant
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IF I GOT MY TICKET	Recorded By: Jubilant Sykes & Terence Blanchard Soloists: Aaron Beasley	Written By: Unknown Choral Arrangements: M. White
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LOVE IS THE ANSWER	Recorded by Voices of Unity Youth Choir Soloists: Alyssa Chapa, Kiandre McCullough	Written By: M. White
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THE STORM IS PASSING OVER	Recorded by Detroit Mass Choir Written By: Charles A. Tindley	Choral Arrangements: Donald Vails and M. White
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I'M TRYING TO GET READY / KEEP A DEM LAMPS	Soloist: Rayna Hettinger Written By: Unknown	Choral Arrangements: M. White
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OH HAPPY DAY	Recorded By: BeBe & CeCe Winans Soloist: Jordan Applegate, Karla Doty	Written By: Edwin Hawkins Arrangements: BeBe & CeCe Winans
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LEAN ON ME	Recorded By: Bill Withers Soloist: Jordan Bridges	Written By: Bill Withers Choral Arrangements: M. White
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LOVE TRAIN	Recorded By: O'Jays Soloist: Jordan Applegate, Kiandre McCullough	Written By: Kenny Gamble & Leon Huff Choral Arrangements: M. White
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2023-2024 NEW STUDENT INTRODUCTIONS		Marshall White
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CALL TO ACTION		Marshall White & Justin Sheehan
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15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

VIEW THAT HOLY CITY	Written By: Unknown	Choral Arrangements: Marshall White
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RISE UP	Recorded By: Raven Symone Soloist: Karla Doty	Written By: Andra Day Choral Arrangements: Marshall White
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LIFE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT	Soloists: Alivia Croxton, James Hunt	Written By: Marshall White
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CLOSING REMARKS		Marshall White
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OUR TEAM

VOICES OF UNITY YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS

Sopranos

Alyssa Chappa
Jasmine Chapa
Lyric Curtis
GeNy Gibson
Rayna Hettinger
Jamiah Hill
Jayleena Hill
Ka'mya Johnson
Kaniyah Lacey
Mackenzie Long-Lear
Leonna McIntosh
Alyanna Moorehead
Hailie Stump

Altos

BeAttrice Almack
Judah Applegate
Malachi Applegate
Lilly Baxter
Amari Edmonds
Jamaire Frison
Mikayleigh Gibson
Jacie Hunt
Aryanne Jones
Brinley Lamb
Arianna Muia
Johelga Portela
Brooklinn Robinson
Katie Stump
Kleila Stump
Michael Toro
Landon Vaughan
Jade Witherspoon

Tenors

Ernest Batiste
Drevon Johnson
Caeson King
Kiandre McCullough
Adrian Muia
Isaiah Toro
Seth Townsend
Dre Banks

Baritones

Aaron Beasley
Julian Stewart

Mentors

Wanetta Stump
June McCullough
Karla Doty

Alumni Performers

Jordan Applegate
Maria Alvarez
Jordan Bridges
Alivia Croxton
James Hunt
Lauryn Jones
Annalyse King

Band

Tyrone Tolbert • *Band Leader*
Bryan Nellums • *Percussion*
Chris Byrd • *Keyboards*
Robert Campbell • *Bassist*

CONCERT PRODUCTION TEAM

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2024 WORLD CHOIR GAMES

Individuals

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John Agnew
Evandro Agostinho
Stephanie Allen - McCoy
David Alvarez
Joel & JoAnne Alvarez
Joan Alvis
Jane Applegate
Terry & Ramana Applegate
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It is more than a place to receive artistic instruction. It is a place for them to build life skills and become the future leaders that our society so drastically needs.

My son joined Voices of Unity in January of this year, and he has enjoyed every moment. This speaks volumes because the choir is in preparation for the World Choir Games in Auckland, New Zealand, this summer. It is not uncommon for children to be pushed past their comfort zones to undergo training for an undertaking larger than themselves. Even so, my son continues to be encouraged by staff and believes that the hard work and dedication will result in a desired outcome. As a parent, I am fortunate to have my child gaining self-confidence and learning skills such as goal setting and time management from the early age of 9. I believe this will position my child and all choir members for a very promising future.”

Diane Vaughn, Parent

“I remember that day in December. I woke up with butterflies in my stomach. It was my first UNITY rehearsal, and I was excited but scared. I remember walking into the rehearsal room holding my mom’s hand. The members were discussing their weeks and everything they had accomplished. I made my way to the Alto section, sat down, and remained quiet. I looked around me and saw warm and welcoming smiles. That’s when I knew I was going to be okay.

It’s crazy to think about how much I’ve grown and changed in only 7 short months. Not only am I a better singer, but I am also a better person. I’ve learned how to start and keep friendships. I’ve learned how to be grateful and how to show gratefulness.

If I didn’t have this organization to help me be the best version of myself, I don’t know where I would be.

I’m thankful for my brothers and sisters in the choir, the alumni who are amazing examples, the staff who make sure you never have a bad day, and Mr. White, who has given the youth of our community the knowledge of how to be successful and kind in the world.”

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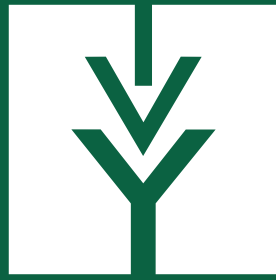
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