

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CHOIR SCHOOL TO HOST FREE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (February 2, 2024):** The Choir School of Delaware is proud to present *Where Did We Come From? Where Are We Going?*, its annual Black History Month concert, on February 17 in Wilmington. This free community event celebrates Black excellence and explores Black history through song. The Choir School's intergenerational choir, where professional musicians, adult volunteers, and talented youth sing side-by-side, will perform.

The program explores the Black experience throughout history using music and poetry by Black artists. Musical highlights include a rousing arrangement of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Black national anthem; folksongs from across the African continent; spiritual arrangements; gospel hits; protest songs from the Civil Rights Movement; and non-idiomatic music of the last century.

Poetry will intersperse the music, expanding on themes presented through song. Readings of authors including Langston Hughes and Paul Laurence Dunbar will reflect on themes that echo across generations of Black history including pride, perseverance, sorrow, joy, the fight for equality, and the hope of a brighter future.

Admission is free. A suggested donation of \$25 aids in keeping the Choir School programs accessible and affordable to all regardless of income. Advance registration is recommended, as space is limited.

*Where Did We Come From? Where Are We Going?* is the third concert of the Choir School's Greatest Hits Concert Season. Ticket proceeds directly support the Choir School's life-changing programs, which connect Wilmington youth to professional music training, academic support, mentoring, and social services.

The Greatest Hits Season is sponsored by the TD Bank Charitable Foundation.

**EVENT DETAILS*****Where Did We Come From? Where Are We Going?***

**When:** Saturday, February 17, 2024 | 7:30 PM

**Where:** New Life Christian Center International  
400 Hillcrest Avenue, Wilmington, DE

**Tickets:** Free or Pay-What-You-Can | Suggested Donation \$25

**Buy Tickets:** [choirschoolofdelaware.org](https://choirschoolofdelaware.org), 302-543-8657 x4



## **ABOUT THE CHOIR SCHOOL OF DELAWARE**

The Choir School of Delaware, a “Community Center that Sings,” provides transformative after-school and summer programs for Wilmington children ages 7-17. Programs combine professional-level choral training and performance opportunities with homework help, mentoring, and social services, creating a safe, inspiring environment where young people realize their full potential. 100% of Choir School students graduate from high school with a plan to continue their education, launch a career, or begin military service. The Choir School of Delaware is available to all, regardless of income.

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### **Artistic Samples**

“Total Praise”

arr. Richard Smallwood

[https://youtu.be/awC-cTC\\_24A](https://youtu.be/awC-cTC_24A)

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