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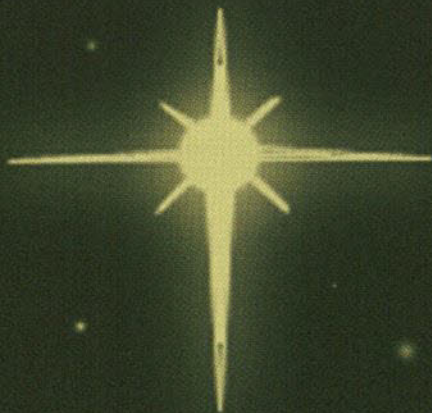
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*Jayetteville State University
Chamber Singers
Dr. Marvin V. Curtis, Conductor*



A Christmas Celebration

Christmas is a time of expectation, joy and wonder. It is a time when the world stops for a few minutes and focuses on the message of "Peace On Earth". It is an international celebration that brings young and old together in a way no other event can. It is a time when the dreams of children become the hopes and aspirations of the adult world. It is a time when the impossible becomes reality in the heart and mind.

The 28 selected students from the Fayetteville State University Concert Choir and The Fayetteville State University Choral Ensemble became the new Fayetteville State University Chamber Singers. Their European journey, at the end of the 20th century, took them to France and Belgium, including a performance at the European Parliament. This concert tour, sponsored by Transmusical International of Liege, Belgium, was by invitation and opened new doors for these students and Fayetteville State University.

The music reflects centuries of celebrating the wonders of the Christmas story. Many of the selections reflect the tradition of African-Americans, who created a song to celebrate the birth of a child that was ultimately seen as a liberator. It is the story of Jesus, "born in a manger lo" of Mary and Joseph, far away in Bethlehem on a silent night. His birth brought new light and new hope to all. It is the music of a people who saw Christmas as a time for a deliverer to be born.

Sit back and enjoy the sound of the season of hope, the season of peace and "although it's been said, many times, many ways, Merry Christmas to you."



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Sopranos

Twana Blow
Yolanda Bullard
Janine Coaxum
LaJuana Daniels
Samone Dickey
Camie Gates
Karla Glass
Melvenia Gray
La Shonda Parker
Dionne Willis

Altos

Barnetta Barret
Shannan Brown
Stacy Byrd
Lisa Dunston
Charnelle Green
Denise Hall
Robianna Kelly
Shuronia Lewis
Aacia Oaks

Tenors

James Kinsey
Brandon Perry
Lamont Sparrow
Calvin Tornes

Basses

Rotimi Ariyo
Manu Edwards
Leon Harris
Juwana Jones
Quincy Walker

Producer - Marvin V. Curtis

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Recording Engineer - Design Recording, Richmond, Virginia

This recording took place on October 31st, 1999 in the Rosenthal Concert Hall
on the campus of Fayetteville State University.

Album Artwork - Jeremy Gilchrist

1,000 copies of this CD were produced at a cost of \$2,200

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1. The Christmas Song (Mel Torme and Robert Wells, arr. Roy Wingwald)**
Dionne Willis - Soloist
2. O Magnum Mysterium (Tomes Luis de Victoria)
3. Mary Had A Baby (arr. William Dawson)
Melvenia Gray - Soloist
4. In Silent Night (Mitchell Southhall)
5. Mary, Mary, Where Is Your Baby? (Jester Hairston)
6. Christ Is Born (Marvin Curtis)
7. Mary Had A Baby (arr. Uzee Brown Jr.)
Camie Gates - Soloist
8. See The Little Baby (Donald Swift)
Yolanda Bullard - Soloist
9. A Star Shall Rise Out of Jacob (Felix Mendelssohn)**
10. How Far Is It To Bethlehem? (Geoffery Shaw)
11. Mary Had A Baby (arr. Roland Carter)
Samone Dickey - Soloist
12. Mary Was The Queen of Galilee (arr. Wendell Whalum)
Janine Coaxum - Soloist
13. In A Manger Lo (Betty Gadling)*
14. Jesus, Jesus, Oh What A Wonderful Child (Margaret Allison)*
Lamont Sparrow - Soloist

*Leon Harris, pianist

**Marvin Curtis, pianist



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