

**Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis**

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Concert**

*featuring the*

**SYMPHONIC  
PRAISE CHOIR**

*and*

*The Performing Arts Conservatory*



**Bryen Warfield**  
*Associate Orchestral Conductor*



**Dr. Robert T. Townsend**  
*Conductor*



**CJ Warfield**  
*Associate Choral Conductor*

**February 15, 2025**  
**Pike Performing Arts Center**  
*Indianapolis*

**Dr. Robert T. Townsend, *Concert's Conductor/Producer***, serves as co-founder/artistic director for The Performing Arts Conservatory. He has a Bachelor of Music Degree (piano performance and K-12 music teaching license) from Western Michigan University, Master of Music Education degree from Indiana University-Bloomington, and completed the Ph.D. at the University of Illinois. He studied piano with Dr. Patricia Barnes-Griffith at Kentucky State and with Dr. Phyllis Rappaport at Western Michigan University. While at Indiana University, Robert studied conducting with Prof. Jan Harrington and performed under the direction of Prof. Robert Porco. In addition, he continued his vocal studies with Prof. Camilla Williams and piano with Prof. Bronja Foster.



Robert began his career in music at a young age accompanying and directing church and school choirs and instrumental ensembles in Flint, MI. During college, he continued honing these skills. It was an encounter with Maestro Isaiah Jackson that began his opportunity to perform with major orchestras including Flint, MI; Cleveland, OH; Dayton, OH; Rochester, NY; Norfolk, VA; Indianapolis, IN, and the Grant Park Music Festival Orchestra in Chicago, IL.

Dr. Townsend has served as a public and private school (P-12) music teacher and university professor and administrator having held positions at IUPUI, Northern Illinois, and Wayne State universities as well as a teaching assistant position at the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana. During his time at the Indianapolis Children's Choir, Robert established what is now the organization's satellite choirs reaching children throughout the Indianapolis Metro area. Presently, he serves as executive producer/conductor for the Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis' Annual Gospel Concert and is a professor and Department Chair, Transition-to-Teaching Secondary and P-12 programs in the School of Integrative Learning – Education at Indiana Wesleyan University. Robert resides in Indiana with his family.

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# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Concert with the Symphonic Praise Choir

Robert T. Townsend, *Conductor/Producer*

Lift Every Voice and Sing	J. Rosamond/James W. Johnson Arr. By Roland Carter
Hiawatha's Wedding-Feast	S. Coleridge-Taylor
Overture to <i>The Song of Hiawatha</i>	S. Coleridge-Taylor

## intermission

Open the Sky	Lamar Campbell /Jeffrey L. Thomas
Open the Floodgates	Demetrius West orch. Robert T. Townsend
The Return	Earnest Pugh/Demetrius West orch. Lane von Cassidy
All the Glory	Randy Weston orch. Robert T. Townsend
More Than I Ever Expected	Randy Weston orch. Robert T. Townsend
Take the Time to Say Thank You	Jalynn Simmons orch. Robert T. Townsend
Jesus	Rasheité Calhoun/George Tyler orch. Bryen Warfield
Most High	L. Lebron Wilson II orch. Bryen Warfield



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# Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis

## VIOLIN I

Mark Kavesh, *Concertmaster*  
Rachel Clark  
Sondra Hartman-Hayes  
Heidi Holmer  
Andrea Mott  
Kari Reid  
Jacquiline Wiernicki  
Kristin Wroblewski

## VIOLIN 2

Devin Boehmer  
Trudi Carter  
Michiko Chihara  
Krystle Ford  
Michael House  
Joie Kipka  
Eliisha Strand  
Molly Walling

## VIOLA

Amelia Blunk  
Lorelei Farlow  
Kimberly McClam  
Mariana Villasenor

## CELLO

Sarah Binford\*  
Madeline Eades  
Cindi McGarvey  
George Smith  
Cecelie Vetter

## BASS

Mark Holloway  
Amy Reasoner

## FLUTE/PICCOLO

Pam Fisher\*  
Betony O'Connor

## OBOE/ENGLISH HORN

Lisa Halcomb\*  
Kimberly Keim

## CLARINET

Cindy Moss\*  
Nancy Frass

## TRUMPET

Macy Stewart\*  
Paul Makinson  
Mason Root

## HORN

Frank Stephens\*  
Angela Schnippel  
Suzane Snyder  
Josh Wolff

## TROMBONE

Paul Bork\*  
Ed Carter  
Craig Parmerlee

## TUBA

Andy Meyer\*

## PERCUSSION/TIMPANI

Alex Keim\*  
Danny Marquis  
Donald Schofield  
\* *Principal*

## CONDUCTORS

Dr. Robert T. Townsend,  
*Conductor/Producer*  
CJ Warfield,  
*Associate Choral Conductor*  
Bryen Warfield,  
*Associate Orchestral Conductor*

## GUESTS

Randy Weston  
Demetrius West  
Lamar Campbell  
L. Lebron Wilson II  
Johnny Minion, Jr.

## RHYTHM SECTION

Rick Jones, *guitar*  
Morris Kimble III, *keyboard*  
Willie Robinson, *bass*  
George Tyler, *drums*  
CJ Warfield, *keyboard*

## STAGE MANAGER

Tyra Stevens

### OUR APRIL CONCERT



Free Admission  
Info at [philharmonicindy.org](http://philharmonicindy.org)

### *Pleasant Diversion*

a Central Library Concert  
with the Philharmonic playing  
Chamber Orchestra music

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**6:45-7:45 PM**

*including*

**Holst's, Country Song**  
**Astor Piazzolla's, Libertango**  
and more

# SYMPHONIC PRAISE CHOIR

## SOPRANO

Patricia L. Conner  
Cynthia Donel  
Alfredia Henry-Parrish  
Dawn Holt  
Barbara Humphrey  
Cath Jones  
Cindy Kalapach  
Ellen Lane  
Rebekah Lawson  
Jean Lindsay  
Carol Meriwether  
Debra Moss  
Denise Payne  
Antesha Prosser  
Wanda R. Rasdall  
Bernice B. Tate  
Sharon Taylor-Martin  
Sharon Warfield  
Angela Wilkins  
Linda Wilkins

Terri Wilson-Lewis  
Carol Wood

## ALTO

Michelle Baird  
Eleanor Beasley  
Pamela A. Blackburn  
Jennifer Botts  
Janet Brown  
Marilyn Crain  
Ruth Curry  
Martha Davis  
Alessandra Ennett-Shepard  
Krissi Goliday  
Stacia Gray  
Anna Grubbs  
Carlene D. Heeter  
Donna Howard

Monica Ivey  
Lydia Jones  
Charisma Kelsaw  
Shivell Lockett  
Marilyn Talison  
Heather Wallace

## TENOR

Tanya Calahan  
Ronnie Curry  
Robert Golden  
Erika Graham  
John Jones  
Geoffrey Kelsaw  
Lynette McMillian  
Mario Vian

## BARITONE-BASS

Frank Rhodes  
H. Vincent Harrington

## *The Performing Arts Conservatory*

Kyreh Edwards  
Zarreya Croom  
Cerista Johnson  
Bruce Lismon  
Landen Madden  
CJ (Curtis) Dominique Jr  
Kimaya Randle  
Lydia Jones

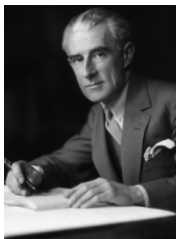
Dei' Ana Elliott  
Glenndon Golder  
Eloni Fitzpatrick  
Jonas Harris  
Mariah Dixon  
Tyrell Smith  
Kennisyn Welch  
Kassidy Valentine

Cyrus Golder  
Moriah "MO" Ushi  
Xavier Croom  
Malia Pugh  
Kori Smith  
Brooklyn-Marie Hall

Karome Walker,  
*Dance Facilitator*

## OUR MAY CONCERT

Beethoven, Ravel & New Music by Guest Composer, Jordan Jinosko  
Orcenith Smith, *Conductor*



**Sunday, May 17, 2025**

Concert 3:00 PM

Listen & Learn 2:30 PM

Info at  
[philharmonicindy.org](http://philharmonicindy.org)

## Guest Conductors



**Bryen Warfield, Associate Orchestral Conductor**, is an exciting and emerging conductor based in Indianapolis. Bryen has conducted orchestras and bands throughout the United States and Canada, including the Windsor Symphony Orchestra (Windsor, ON, Canada), Yakima Symphony Orchestra (WA), Circle City Orchestra (IN), Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis, Fort Wayne Philharmonic Players Association (IN), and the Old Crown Brass Band (IN).

He maintains an active career as an educator, clinician, and adjudicator working with students all over the United States through organizations such as Music for All, Drum Corps International, and Bands of America.

Bryen is pursuing a Doctor of Arts degree in Orchestral Conducting at Ball State University with Professor Greg Robbins with a secondary emphasis in Wind Band Conducting with Dr. Thomas Caneva and has received degrees from the University of Louisville and The Ohio State University.



**CJ Warfield, Associate Choral Conductor**, was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, and raised in Indianapolis. He was raised in music from the beginning, starting with the children's choir in church, playing trombone in middle school into college, and playing piano and keyboards from age 15. He is honored to serve as music director at Light of the World Christian Church and be part of the band, Be On It.

He has been honored to share the stage with PJ Morton, Sy Smith, Chantae Cann, Jeremih, Adrian Crutchfield, Jeffrey Murdock, Kurt Carr, Lamar Campbell, Rodnie Bryant, Vashawn Mitchell, and countless others. He is married to the most beautiful woman in the world, Lauren Warfield. He is a musician, producer, songwriter, arranger, composer, and most of all, a follower of Christ. God is truly amazing!!!

Strings  
&  
Jazzy  
Things  
**MUSIC CAMP**

**June 16-20, 2025**

The Phil's Strings & Jazzy Things Music Camp is open to brass, wind, percussion, and string musicians ages 10-15 in Central Indiana who have participated in a school or community music program for at least 2 years.

Info at [philharmonicindy.org](http://philharmonicindy.org)

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Prayer & Memorial Garden for  
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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 A.M.  
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Friday Bible Study @ 11:00 A.M.

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First Lady Karla McLaughlin

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Save the date! **OUTDOOR JAZZ CONCERT**  
Friday, June 6, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

Check our website in May for more information.

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