

LANGSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
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# AIN'T THAT GOOD NEWS

PERFORMED BY THE  
LANGSTON UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR

ASHTON D. JONES  
DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES

FEATURING GUEST CHOIR  
MILLWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
MS. ESTHER DAVIS, DIRECTOR



TUESDAY  
**APRIL 23RD**  
AT 7:00 PM  
I.W. YOUNG AUDITORIUM





# LANGSTON UNIVERSITY SPRING CONCERT CHOIR PROGRAM

Welcome Dr. Jonathan Allen

## I

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around Traditional spiritual

Soloist: Zharia Brown, Amari Webb, Chyanne Thomas, Marcellus Johnson,  
Camryn Alexander, Ja'Niyah Williams, Alissa Isaac

Wade in the water Traditional spiritual

Millwood High School  
Ms. Esther Davis, Director

## II

Lift every voice and sing Roland Carter  
Glorious everlasting Thomas Cousins  
Alleluia Ralph Manuel  
Non nobis domine Rosephanye Powell

## III

Liebst du um schönheit Clara Schumann  
Set me as a Seal Rene Clausen  
Russian Picnic Howard Helvely

## IV

Ain't That Good News Moses Hogan

Soloist: Kaleb Bilberry, tenor and Makayla King, soprano

I know I've Been Changed Damon Dandridge

Soloist: Kaleb Bilberry, Quency White, Chaya Jones, Jeremiah Williams, Dishon Rolle, Eliesha Rhone

Give me a Clean Heart Stacey Gibbs

Soloist: Jayla Wilson, soprano and Eliesha Rhone, soprano

I'm gonna sing to the spirit Moses Hogan

## V

Irish Blessing James E. Moore

Tribute to Seniors

Langton University Alma Mater F. J. Work

(LU Alumni, LU Faculty and Staff, LU Concert Choir)

## VI

Combined Selections: Millwood HS Choir and LU Concert Choir

Hallelujah, salvation, and Glory Stephen Hurd

Great is thy faithfulness Reginald Golden

Soloist: Jude Popaloute

# LANGSTON UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR ROSTER SPRING 2024

NAME	CLASSIFICATION	MAJOR	HOMETOWN
<b>Sopranos</b>			
Alanna Hill	Sophomore	Psychology	Fort Worth, TX
Makayla King	Freshman	Vocal Music Education	Nassau, BS
Jayla Wilson	Sophomore	Psychology	Oklahoma City, OK
Cierra Kabba	Junior	Biology Pre-Med	San Jose, CA
Chaya Jones	Sophomore	Agricultural Business	Oklahoma City, OK
Jahree Sadler	Junior	Early Childhood Education	Akron, OH
Eliesha Rhone	Sophomore	Psychology	Dallas, TX
Nadia McGahee	Sophomore	Business Management	Lawton, OK
Shaya Weems	Senior	Criminal Justice/Corrections	Gary, IN
Lasauni Scott	Freshman	Agricultural Business	Portland, JM
<b>Altos</b>			
Maleah Buchanan	Senior	Vocal/Instrumental Music Education	Seattle, WA
Brooklyn Noiel	Sophomore	Psychology/Corrections	Oklahoma City, OK
Ariana Bradley	Junior	Early Childhood/Special Education	Oklahoma City, OK
A'Nyria Wesley	Freshman	Criminal Justice	Dallas, TX
De'Janique Lambeth	Sophomore	Animal Science	Oklahoma City, OK
Amalia Davis	Freshman	Instrumental Music Education	Oklahoma City, OK
Alia Holt	Senior	Corrections	Atlanta, GA
Ty Frederick	Senior	Agricultural Business	Oklahoma City, OK
Aalijah Thomas	Sophomore	Animal Science	San Diego, CA
<b>Tenors</b>			
Kaleb Bilberry	Junior	Vocal Music Education	Kansas City, KS
Dishon Rolle	Senior	Vocal/Instrumental Music Education	Nassau, BS
Quency White	Junior	Health Administration	Fort Worth, TX
Daria Lewis	Junior	Psychology	Oklahoma City, OK
Jeremiah Williams	Junior	Animal Science	Tallahassee, FL
Shannon Thompson	Senior	Liberal Arts	Nassau, BS
Caleb Rockins	Senior	Business Management	Houston, TX
<b>Basses</b>			
Josiah Billingslea	Junior	Business Management	Albuquerque, NM
Uri Butler	Sophomore	Broadcast Journalism	Nassau, BS
Jalen Clark	Senior	Psychology	Dallas, TX
Olatomiwa Ogundeyi	Sophomore	Engineering Technology	Chicago, IL
D'Mandre McCall	Senior	Instrumental Music Education	Houston, TX
De'Antae Hill	Junior	Vocal Music Education	Tacoma, WA

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Ashton Denzel Jones, an esteemed American lyric baritone, choral conductor, organist, and pianist, proudly hails from Tulsa, Oklahoma. His recent accolades include a captivating performance as a chorus member in Terrance Blanchard's opera, 'Champion,' showcased at the esteemed Lyric Opera of Chicago. Jones' remarkable talent has graced renowned stages worldwide, including the Texas Southern University Opera in Houston, the Manhattan School of Music Opera in New York, Cimmaron Opera Company in Oklahoma City, and the Varna Opera Academy in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. Notable among his repertoire are his compelling portrayals of characters such as Dr. Gregg in Douglas Moore's Gallantry, Masetto in Mozart's 'Don Giovanni,' Bluff in Mozart's 'Die Schauspieldirektor,' and Monsieur Pandolf in Massenet's 'Cendrillon. In January 2024, Jones triumphed as a soloist with the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra, earning second place in the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra Collegiate Voice Competition. Prior to this, he mesmerized audiences as a soloist with the Tulsa Signature Symphony in April 2023 and the Elgin Symphony Orchestra in December 2022 and 2023, notably in Handel's Messiah. In April 2022, Jones was featured as the lead soloist in Ralph V. Williams' 'Five Mystical Songs' with the University of Missouri (Kansas City) Choral Union Chorus.

Beyond his solo endeavors, Jones is an inaugural member of the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers, and has sung with the Houston Symphony Grassroots Chorus, and the Houston Ebony Opera Guild Chorus. He shares his passion for music through teaching, offering virtual and in-person piano and voice lessons to individuals aged four and older. Jones' musical journey began at a tender age, mastering the piano by ear at seven and later serving as a church pianist and organist across various states. Currently, he serves as the Assistant Conductor/Director of the acapella ensemble, COGIC Chorale, for the International Church of God in Christ. With a wealth of experience, Jones has honed his choral conducting skills through prestigious roles such as Graduate Conductor with the University of Missouri (Kansas City) Canticum Novum Chorus and undergraduate student conductor for the Texas Southern University Concert Choir. He has also contributed to music education as a choral conductor and educator in public schools in Texas and Kansas.

Jones holds a Bachelor of Arts in vocal performance from Texas Southern University, a Master of Music in classical voice from the Manhattan School of Music, and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA) at the University of Missouri (Kansas City) Conservatory for Music and Dance under the tutelage of Dr. Maria Kanyova. Passionate about continual growth, Jones has enriched his knowledge through participation in Missouri Choral Directors Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, and choral conducting masterclasses with luminaries such as Dr. Tony McNeill and Dr. Brandon Boyd. Outside of his musical pursuits, he finds solace in travel and cherishes moments spent with loved ones. Residing in Oklahoma City, OK with his daughter Myah, Jones serves as Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Professor of Music at Langston University, where he inspires the next generation of musical talent with his passion and expertise.

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Alma Mater

## *Dear Langston*

Words By Samuel Sadler

Music By FJ. Work

### First Verse

High on a throne with royal mien,  
Our hope and our mother stand.  
All gaze with pride upon the scene  
High o'er the silv'ry strand;  
All gaze with pride upon the scene  
Where our hope and our mother stand.

### Chorus

Dear Langston, Dear Langston,  
Thy sons and daughters brave  
Will strive on with courage  
Their honored shrine to save.  
With a "Sis! Boom! Bah!" and a "Hip! Hurrah!"  
with a "Hip-hur-rah!"  
We rally to Langston, Dear Langston, to thee.

### Second Verse

If ever man should dare bring low  
Thy blazoned banner high,  
We'll battle with the vicious foe  
and for thy honor die.  
We'll strive and overcome the foe, or for thy honor die.







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