CONCERT CHORALE RETREAT

The Bethune-Cookman University Concert Chorale began preparing for their exciting performance schedule on August 6, 2018 with the return of the student leadership team. The leaders were visited by Dr. Charlie Toomer, Director of Choirs at Edward Waters College, Bruce Green, Sr., Director of Bands at Edgewater High School, and Ursulyne Van Meter, B-CU Adjunct Professor of Music Education. Topics like integrity, musical leadership, and principles of leadership were discussed to fully equip the students to lead. On August 9th, First-Year members joined the leaders for a weekend of fun. Through team building activities, physical exercises, and rehearsals, the First-Year members quickly adapted to the rigor and pace expected of the Chorale. Once combined, the Chorale they embarked on their off-campus retreat at The Atlantic Center for the Arts. The retreat included expansion of literature, sight-reading classes, and team building events. The week-long retreat concluded with a dynamic talent show put on by the First-Year Chorale members.

SUMMER SOIRÉE

To kick-off the year of performances, an ensemble of soloists performed in The Concert Chorale’s inaugural Summer Soirée on August 16th. The soirée was held on the campus of The Atlantic Center for the Arts in New Smyrna Beach, FL. The event was hosted by Junior Mass Communications Major, Benjamin Simmons (Jacksonville, FL) and featured London Paul, Alto (Detroit, MI), Rashya Salters, Contralto (Orlando, FL), Alysha Hinton, Soprano (Detroit, MI), Kemuel Turner, Tenor (Orlando, FL), Derrick Bynum, Baritone (Detroit, MI), and Jairus Dixon, Pianist (Mobile, AL.)

NEAREST ADDITION...

Mr. Karl Van Richards is a recipient of Certificates of Distinction from the Royal School of Music, London, England. He studied with Ivan Davis at the University of Miami where he earned his baccalaureate degree and several scholarships including the Provost Award for study in Salzburg, Austria. He earned his master’s degree at Lynn University in Boca Raton under the direction of Dr. Roberta Rust and received the Outstanding Performer’s Award at graduation. He is currently completing a master of divinity degree at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio where he serves as the President of the Student Government Association. He currently serves as an Associate Minister at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Miami, Florida. He travels and performs as a sought after recitalist, collaborative pianist, adjudicator, and master class clinician. Most recently, Mr. Richards accepted the position of Collaborative Artist at Bethune-Cookman University.
The 2018 Fall Recruitment Tour led the Concert Chorale to area high schools and churches.

- Lincoln Park Academy, Ft. Pierce, FL
- Boynton Beach Community High School, Boynton Beach, FL
- Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory for the Arts, St. Goulds, FL
- Dillard High School, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- St. Paul A.M.E. Church, Miami, FL - Dr. Robert Jackson, III, Pastor

FROM GOSPEL TO JAZZ

On September 29-30, 2018, The Bethune-Cookman University Concert Chorale and Jazz Orchestra at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC) joined together to produce “From Gospel to Jazz.” The concert was held in the Alexis & Jim Pugh Theatre on DPAC’s campus. Program selections included negro spirituals, music from Duke Ellington's Second Sacred Collection, gospel selections and even a special tribute the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin.
UPCOMING EVENTS

FLORIDA CLASSIC CHOIR CONCERT
7:00 P.M.
Jones High School - Orlando, FL
Thursday, November 15, 2018

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
4:00 P.M.
Heyn Memorial Chapel - Daytona Beach, FL
Sunday, December 2, 2018

WINTER TOUR
December 16-22, 2018

FALL CONCERT - GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4:00 P.M.
Port Orange, FL
Sunday, October 21, 2018

SUNTREE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.
Melbourne, FL
Sunday, October 28, 2018

Palm Coast United Methodist Church
8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 A.M.
MT. CALVARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
4:00 P.M.
Palm Coast, FL
Sunday, November 11, 2018

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