

**A Concert of Reconciliation honoring Martin Luther King  
The Cleveland Jazz Orchestra  
The Cleveland School of the Arts Concert Choir  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30PM  
Maltz Center for the Performing Arts Case Western Reserve University**

**Welcome**

*Paul Ferguson, Artistic Director Cleveland Jazz Orchestra*

**Psalm 96 1-3**

O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

**Simple Song(from *Mass*, 1970)**

*Brad Wagner, Soprano Sax*

**Leonard Bernstein**

**Gloria**

*Rev. Keith Owen, St. Peter's Episcopal, Lakewood*

**Paul Ferguson**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen

**Amos 5:10-14, 24**

*Rev. Nozomi Ikuta, Denison Avenue United Church of Christ, Cleveland*

<sup>10</sup>There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court  
and detest the one who tells the truth

<sup>11</sup>You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain.  
Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them;  
though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins.  
There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes  
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil.  
Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

*Reginald Bowens, vocalist  
Jack Schantz, Trumpet  
Chris Anderson, Trombone*

**Charles Converse****Letter from Birmingham Jail April 16th, 1963**

*Dr. William Woods, Antioch Baptist Church*

**Martin Luther King**

My Dear Fellow Clergymen:

While confined here in the Birmingham city jail, I came across your recent statement calling my present activities "unwise and untimely." Seldom do I pause to answer criticism of my work and ideas. If I sought to answer all the criticisms that cross my desk, my secretaries would have little time for anything other than such correspondence in the course of the day, and I would have no time for constructive work. But since I feel that you are men of genuine good will and that your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I want to try to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms.

I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town. Like Paul, I must constantly respond to the Macedonian call for aid.

You deplore the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham. But your statement, I am sorry to say, fails to express a similar concern for the conditions that brought about the demonstrations. I am sure that none of you would want to rest content with the superficial kind of social analysis that deals merely with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes. It is unfortunate that demonstrations are taking place in Birmingham, but it is even more unfortunate that the city's white power structure left the Negro community with no alternative.

I received a letter this morning from a white brother in Texas which said, "All Christians know that the colored people will receive equal rights eventually, but is it possible that you are in too great of a religious hurry? It has taken Christianity almost 2000 years to accomplish what it has. The teachings of Christ take time to come to earth." All that is said here grows out of a tragic misconception of time. It is the strangely irrational notion that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills. Actually, time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively. I am coming to feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people. We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be coworkers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation.

**It's Freedom**

*Cleveland School of the Arts R. Nathaniel Dett Concert Choir  
Dr. William Woods, Robert McCorvey directors*

**Duke Ellington**

### **Personal Reminiscence**

*Kenny Koblitz, Executive Director Emeritus, Cleveland Jazz Orchestra*

### **Leviticus 19:34, Deuteronomy 10:19**

*Rabbi Rosie Haim, Celebrating Jewish Life*

The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing. I am the LORD your God.

### **Esta Montana D'enfrente(This Mountain Before Me)**

*Kelsey Ferguson, Violin  
Jackie Warren, Piano*

**Sephardic c.12<sup>th</sup> century**

### **Gospel of Thomas 113**

*Chris Anderson, Open Tone Music*

His disciples said to him: “The kingdom — on what day will it come?”

“It will not come by watching (and waiting for) it.

They will not say: ‘Look, here!’ or ‘Look, there!’

Rather, the kingdom of the Father is spread out upon the earth, and people do not see it.”

### **Looking Around**

*Chris Coles, Alto sax*

**Paul Ferguson**

### **Jeremiah 31**

*Lonny Gatlin, St. Luke's Episcopal, Cleveland*

<sup>31</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to<sup>[d]</sup> them,<sup>[e]</sup>” declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

### **I Have a Dream**

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*Reginald Bowens, Vocalist  
Johnny Cochrane, Tenor Sax*

**Herbie Hancock(1969)**

**Geri Allen(2006)**

**Remarks**

*Rev. James Anderson, New Life Baptist of Greater Cleveland*

**Matthew 5:3-10**, *Translation Andre Choraqui*

*Chris Long, Westshore Unitarian Universalist*

**"Walk forth** you poor in spirit, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

**Walk forth** you who mourn, for you shall be comforted.

**Walk forth** you who are the meek, for you shall inherit the earth.

**Walk forth** you who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you shall be satisfied.

**Walk forth** you who are the merciful, for you shall obtain mercy.

**Walk forth** you who are the pure of heart, for you shall see God.

**Walk forth** you who are the peacemakers, for you shall be called children of God.

**Walk forth** you who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for yours is the kingdom of heaven."

**Walk Forth**

*Chris Burge, Tenor Sax*

*Paul Ferguson, Trombone*

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