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**North Carolina Symphony**  
**Michelle Di Russo**, *conductor*  
**Micaela Bundy**, *mezzo-soprano*

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**J. Rosamond Johnson** (1873-1954) /  
**James Weldon Johnson** (1871-1938) /  
Arr. Bruce Healey  
**"Lift Every Voice and Sing"**  
Micaela Bundy, *mezzo-soprano*

**Harry T. Burleigh** (1866-1949) /  
Arr. Jeff Tyzik  
**Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

**Anthony Kelley** (b. 1965)  
**Spirituals of Liberation** (NCS commission)  
I. Work Song (for a Post-Terrestrial Railroad)  
II. Elegy (for the New Blues People)  
III. Never Forget

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Arr. Calvin Custer  
**Duke Ellington!**

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## Welcome!

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Tonight's program celebrates the many facets of American musical culture that have been created and influenced by African Americans. It begins with the uplifting hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," includes pieces by classical composers William Grant Still and George Walker, and culminates with the work of jazz greats Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington.

As the centerpiece of tonight's concert, we present a new work by NCS's Composer in Residence Anthony Kelley titled *Spirituals of Liberation*. Kelley's three-movement work uses rhythmic, melodic, and harmonic elements to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the former Confederacy by capturing the journey from the past and imagining a new and better future for all.

We thank you for joining us in this freedom celebration!

## North Carolina Symphony Composer in Residence

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### Anthony Kelley

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composer

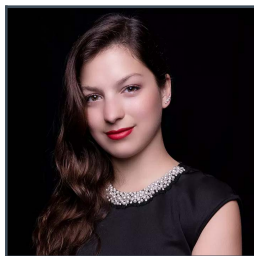
Anthony Kelley earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Duke University and a doctoral degree from the University of California, Berkeley. After serving as Composer in Residence for three years with the Richmond Symphony, he joined the Duke University music faculty in 2000; he is currently Associate Professor of the Practice of Music.

Kelley's works have been performed by the symphony orchestras of Baltimore, Detroit, and Atlanta, among others, and he has also composed film scores. He co-directs and performs in the improvisational postmodern blues quartet called the BLAK Ensemble.

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## About the Artists

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### Michelle Di Russo

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conductor

#### ***The Lucy Moore Ruffin Chair***

*Michelle Di Russo is Associate Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony. She has conducted UNC Health Summerfest performances, Young People's Concerts, bilingual educational performances, and Statewide Holiday Pops concerts with the Symphony. She has also been featured in the Symphony's "Behind the Music" concert preview videos.*

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A graceful and powerful force on the podium, Michelle Di Russo is known for her compelling interpretations, passionate musicality, and championing of contemporary music. She is an advocate for underrepresented artists and in 2020 co-founded the organization Girls Who Conduct to support younger generations of women and non-binary conductors in overcoming obstacles they face due to their gender.

Di Russo's artistic journey began in her native country, Argentina, at the age of three with ballet lessons, followed by studies in voice and piano. She has acted on television and onstage. Di Russo holds multiple degrees in Orchestral Conducting from Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina, University of Kentucky (M.M.), and Arizona State University (D.M.A.). She is a Freeman Conducting Fellow in Chicago Sinfonietta's prestigious Project Inclusion program and a recipient of the Concert Artists Guild's Richard S. Weinert Award.

Previously, Di Russo served as Interim Director of Orchestras at Cornell University, Assistant Conductor for the Phoenix Youth Symphony Orchestra, cover conductor and assistant for The Phoenix Symphony and Arizona Musicfest, and as a conducting fellow at the Cortona Sessions for New Music in Italy. She has also acted as cover conductor for the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, San Diego Symphony, and the National Symphony Orchestra. In the summer of 2022, she served as the Joel Revzen Conducting Fellow at Festival Napa Valley.

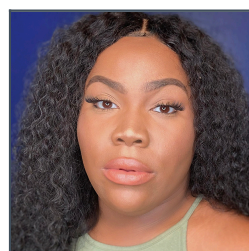
### Micaela Bundy

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mezzo-soprano

*Micaela Bundy made her North Carolina Symphony debut in a series of concerts in June of 2022, performing with a vocal quartet for concerts at UNC Health Summerfest in Cary and on tour in Chapel Hill, Tarboro, and New Bern.*

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A classically trained vocalist, performing arts educator, and arts administrator, Micaela Bundy graduated from North Carolina A&T State University where she studied music education with a concentration in voice. She spent six years teaching music in North Carolina public schools and currently serves as the Program Manager of Kidznotes, a non-profit organization that partners with Durham Public Schools and the Wake County Public School System to provide free music instruction to students at Title I schools.

Performance honors include being a National Soloist for the 105 Voices of History, a national Historically Black Colleges & Universities honor choir; performing as a soloist at the White House in observance of Black History Month; performing with Jesse Jackson's Rainbow PUSH Coalition; and opening for Oprah Winfrey's 2020 Vision Tour at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte. Recently, Bundy was seen in the World-Premiere staging of Paul Moravec's *Sanctuary Road* with the North Carolina Opera, and the area premiere of Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* with the Greensboro Opera. In the fall of 2022, she will be seen in *Natasha, Pierre, & The Great Comet of 1812* with Theatre Raleigh.

## About the Music

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### *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954) / James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) / Arr. Bruce Healey

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#### THE STORY

James Weldon Johnson wrote “Lift Every Voice and Sing” to inspire perseverance amidst adversity. With the devastating “separate-but-equal” ruling in the 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* case, Jim Crow segregation began to infiltrate the South, dismantling the African American advancements of the Reconstruction era. So, when plans were laid for civil rights leader Booker T. Washington to visit the segregated Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida on February 12, 1900, Johnson, who was the school’s principal at the time, wrote a poem to commemorate the important occasion. His brother J. Rosamond Johnson (the school’s music teacher) set the poem to music, bringing “Lift Every Voice and Sing” to life as a hymn.

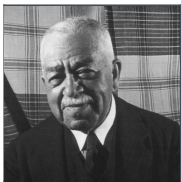
Despite its localized beginnings, the hymn rapidly gained popularity throughout the South and eventually the entire nation. Adopted by the NAACP as its official song in 1919, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” remains a symbol of enduring hope for racial justice and equality into the twenty-first century.

#### LISTEN FOR

- The stately, stepwise melody that leaps up to emphasize lyrics of “rise,” “sun,” “might,” and “hand”
- Triumphant key changes leading to the climax of the song, where punctuations of brass and percussion provide an epic conclusion to the hopeful anthem

#### INSTRUMENTATION

*Two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion, harp, strings*



### *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949) / Arr. Jeff Tyzik

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#### THE STORY

Composer, arranger, and noted baritone Harry T. Burleigh is one of America’s foremost composers of art song, with over 200 works in the genre. During the first few decades of the 20th century, Burleigh’s art songs—especially his arrangements of spirituals for voice and piano—populated the concert programs of singers throughout the country, offering a uniquely American music that arose from the hopes and struggles of the formerly enslaved. Burleigh’s popularization of the concert spiritual served to not only raise the spiritual to the level of art music, but also educated audiences on the African-American experience and contribution to American culture.

Jeff Tyzik’s work in honor of Harry T. Burleigh, *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*, celebrates the African-American spiritual arrangements of Burleigh, and includes renditions of “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child,” and “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot,” all of whose melodies originated with pre-Civil-War enslaved peoples.

#### LISTEN FOR

- The plaintive quality of the melodies, emotionally charged with spiritual connotations of hope and deliverance
- The use of pentatonic (five-note) scales in the melody of each spiritual—a common feature of African-American traditional music

#### INSTRUMENTATION

*Flute, oboe, two clarinets, bassoon, two horns, two trumpets, trombone, timpani, percussion, strings*



***Spirituals of Liberation***  
(NCS commission)

**Anthony Kelley** (b. 1965)

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**THE STORY as told by the composer**

Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of formerly enslaved American descendants of Africans from unimaginable state-sanctioned brutality and oppression. This symphonic reflection, titled *Spirituals of Liberation*, is in many ways a sequel to my 1999 piano concerto, *Africamerica*, which meditates on the Middle Passage. The three movements of *Spirituals of Liberation* explore in musical terms the conditions of forced, free labor, the contemplation of loss and hope by the enslaved, and finally, the solemn embrace by African Americans of their newly granted freedom.

The piece expresses rhythmic, melodic, and cultural elements that sustained the Americans who endured centuries of slavery before the Emancipation Proclamation of 1865. These include syncopation, cycles of repetition with a difference, work songs that accompanied hard labor, memory and reverence for ancestors, and hope and resilience in the face of pernicious exploitation. The tunes are all original, but in the style of 19th-century Black folk music. Felix Mendelssohn composed “Songs Without Words” in his day; these movements can be considered “Spirituals Without Lyrics.”

The first movement, “Work Song (for a Post-Terrestrial Railroad),” is the longest. It begins with an eruptive expression of shock over the proposition of enslavement, followed by a resignation to multiple simultaneous levels of labor. This consisted of both physical work—from the vigorous activity of laying railroad ties to the intricacies of making a lace tablecloth—and the psycho-socio-intellectual labor of crafting a framework of hope and demands for constitutional justice within the same society that subjected Black citizens to shackles. The movement alternates and intertwines a main “work song” tune and a “free” labor theme, fortified by a hammered counter-beat on the anvil, which expand to an unsustainably explosive, complicated state before a reset of tone and mood. At the end of this rigorous movement, the main “work song” tune returns inverted to portray mastery, as Ginger Rogers put it, “backwards and in heels.” Harriet Tubman’s Underground Railroad liberated many souls, and this movement celebrates their path beyond the underground and even beyond our terrestrial realm.

The second movement, “Elegy for the New Blues People,” is a song of elegy and mourning for the many who trod the path towards the liberty that we can acknowledge today. Leroi Jones, aka Amiri Baraka, defines “blues people” as the generation of children and grandchildren of the enslaved Africans who, rather than concern themselves with the nostalgic return “home” to Africa, acknowledge their geographical immediacy and vow to make America itself a better home, regardless of the cruelty of their situation.

The third movement, “Never Forget,” is a lush, noble melody with heroic harmony that expresses the celebration that the newly freed American citizens would have felt in 1866 and sounds out the importance of telling the complete story of our nation and its development.

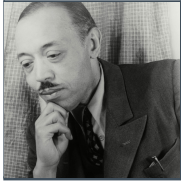
Composed on the heels of a devastating and oppressive pandemic, perhaps *Spirituals of Liberation* also inspires a more empathetic perspective on these enslaved ancestors, enhancing our appreciation of freedom as we explore the possibilities of the better future.

## **LISTEN FOR**

- In each movement, a central melodic theme around which harmony and texture shift to greater complexity, climax, and resolution: repetition with a difference
- In the first movement, a blues-inflected melody based on a diminished scale: the “work song”
- A vamp that begins in the bassoons and is answered by the horns, then expands to the trombones to accompany the work song
- A “short-lonnnnng” syncopated motive that pervades the movement
- In the second movement, a gentle, mournful melody in the oboe, comprised of small leaps upward that build to a large descending leap
- A brief moment of “sunlight” introduced by the brass in duple time
- In the third movement, a more contemporary-sounding melody, complicated by moments of dissonance, culminating in a *tutti* chorale-style variation
- A feeling of “freedom” expressed in the floating, elegant clarinet line
- A dance-oriented middle section
- In the Coda, elements from the first and second movements that reappear in the third movement, now set in a major key

## **INSTRUMENTATION**

*Three flutes (one doubling piccolo), two oboes, two clarinets, two bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion, strings*



## ***Festive Overture***

**William Grant Still** (1895-1978)

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### **THE STORY**

William Grant Still, commonly referred to as “the Dean” of African American composers, was a torchbearer for African American representation in the classical music tradition of the twentieth century. Still’s *Afro-American Symphony* (1930) was the first symphony by an African American to be performed by a major U.S. orchestra; its success garnered him praise across the country and even in Europe, where it toured after its American premiere. In addition to receiving countless commissions for his work, Still received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1934, which allowed him to immerse himself fully in his work as a composer. His prolific output includes eight operas, five symphonies, and dozens of works for small and large ensemble.

The *Festive Overture* on today’s program is a prime example of Still’s compositional prowess. Composed in 1944 for an overture competition hosted by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the *Festive Overture* was voted the unanimous winner out of the 39 pieces submitted. While Still was widely recognized during his lifetime, his music became increasingly neglected during the latter half of the twentieth century. Fortunately, the past few decades have seen an increased interest in performing his works and restoring his legacy as a champion of 20th-century American music.

### **LISTEN FOR**

- The opening fanfare, which serves as a thematic springboard for the entire work—the lilting string melody, romantically expressive second section, and culminating march all stem from the opening few measures
- Playful xylophone and muted trumpet solos that heighten the celebratory mood
- The crunchy dissonance of the horns as they help transition to the final moments of the overture

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

*Three flutes (one doubling piccolo), two oboes, English horn, two clarinets, bass clarinet, two bassoons, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion, harp, keyboard, strings*





### ***Maple Leaf Rag***

Scott Joplin (1868-1917) / Arr. Gunther Schuller

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#### **THE STORY**

In late 19th-century Missouri, a popular genre of music known as “ragtime” was finally beginning to be put down in musical notation. Named for its “ragged,” or syncopated, rhythms, which placed accents on irregular beats, ragtime was popular in bars and entertainment settings where pianists would often improvise tunes or play from memory. But it was composers like Scott Joplin, the “King of Ragtime,” who sought to elevate the genre to a position of musical esteem, crafting ragtime compositions and selling them as sheet music.

Joplin’s best-known piece, the *Maple Leaf Rag*, was written in 1899 and quickly became a model for other ragtime composers to follow with its catchy melodies, repetitive form, and of course, the “ragged” rhythm. Today, Joplin’s piano rags are regarded as essential works of American piano music that paved the way for one of the greatest American musical contributions—jazz.

#### **LISTEN FOR**

- The “ragged” rhythm created between the steady low brass accompaniment and the syncopated melody performed by combinations of violin, trumpet, and woodwinds in various sections of the piece
- The variation of musical ideas during the repetition of each section or “strain”—extreme dynamic contrasts and changes of instrumentation help amplify this staple aspect of ragtime

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

*Flute, clarinet, two trumpets, trombone, tuba, percussion, strings*



### ***Lyric for Strings***

George Walker (1922-2018)

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#### **THE STORY**

Composer, pianist, and educator George Walker was a trailblazer in the mid-20th century American classical music scene. Acclaimed for his piano recitals in both the U.S. and in Europe in addition to his compositions, Walker earned the admiration of some of the leading musical figures and institutions of his day, epitomized in his receipt of the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1996—never before awarded to an African American composer. He received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt in 1997.

Walker’s *Lyric for Strings* reveals an emotional depth beyond his 24 years when it was composed and was aptly described by the *Washington Star* as a “bittersweet, transparent, beautifully textured piece.” Like Samuel Barber’s famous *Adagio for Strings* (1936), with which it shares a similar tone, Walker’s *Lyric for Strings* originated as the slow movement to his *String Quartet No. 1* (1946), only later being revised as a stand-alone piece for string orchestra (1990).

#### **LISTEN FOR**

- The sorrowful descending motives that saturate the texture—first introduced in the opening measures of the piece and elaborated throughout in delicate counterpoint
- The impassioned climax consisting of chordal jabs in the low strings and straining violins, together contributing to the “bittersweet” tone of the work

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

*Strings*



## ***Satchmo! A Tribute to Louis Armstrong***

Various composers / Arr. Ted Ricketts

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### **THE STORY**

Growing up in New Orleans, Louisiana in the first decade of the 20th century, Louis Armstrong (nicknamed “Satchmo”) was immersed in the electric formative years of jazz. Armstrong’s big break came in playing trumpet and cornet in “King” Joe Oliver’s Creole Jazz Band in the early 1920s, where he developed an exquisite solo technique that set him apart from his peers. His trumpet playing, paired with his endearing and instantly recognizable singing voice, made Armstrong a force to be reckoned with; he is remembered today as one of America’s most beloved musicians and entertainers.

Ted Ricketts’s arrangement, *Satchmo! A Tribute to Louis Armstrong*, weaves together four songs made famous by Armstrong: “What a Wonderful World,” “When the Saints Go Marching In,” “St. Louis Blues,” and “Hello, Dolly.” The medley offers a tour of Armstrong’s career, showcasing New Orleans and northern jazz alongside popular songs forever attached to his name. While Armstrong himself didn’t compose these selections, their enduring success belongs almost exclusively to Armstrong’s specific recordings, several of which have been inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

### **LISTEN FOR**

- The frequent and pronounced use of the trumpet for many of the melodies in the arrangement—a clear homage to Armstrong’s legacy on the instrument
- In “St. Louis Blues,” the use of collective improvisation—an important characteristic of early jazz where multiple instruments solo at the same time

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

*Two flutes, oboe, two clarinets, bass clarinet, bassoon, four horns, three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, timpani, percussion, piano, strings*



## ***Duke Ellington!***

Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington (1899-1974) / Arr. Calvin Custer

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### **THE STORY**

Edward Kennedy “Duke” Ellington is a name nearly synonymous with “jazz.” For over 50 years, Ellington produced musical works that consistently captured the heart of American musical culture, becoming what some have called the greatest American composer of the 20th century. One of the pioneers of big-band jazz, Ellington crafted arrangements based on the specific talents of the musicians in his band—and sometimes even borrowed their tunes!

Calvin Custer’s *Duke Ellington!* is an arrangement of four classic Ellington songs from the years 1932–1942: “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore,” “Do Nothin’ Till You Hear from Me,” “Sophisticated Lady,” and “It Don’t Mean a Thing (If It Ain’t Got That Swing).” Each famous tune is artfully presented, accompanied by Ellington’s punchy harmonies, lively rhythms, and typical big-band swagger.

### **LISTEN FOR**

- The crafted elegance of each tune phrase, which is a key component of its catchiness and singable nature—it’s no wonder that lyrics were added to all four of these initially instrumental tunes
- The subtle, yet elaborate shifts in harmony present in each selection—a characteristic product of Ellington’s skill in composing at the piano

### **INSTRUMENTATION**

*Flute, oboe, two clarinets, bassoon, two horns, two trumpets, trombone, timpani, percussion, strings*

## About Our Musicians

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Carlos Miguel Prieto,  
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