



# **Withrow Sounds Again!**

**Withrow's Centennial  
Celebration**

**Withrow University  
High School**

**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**

# Note from the Director

THREE YEARS IN THE MAKING!!" was a cliché statement made in the 1950-1960s by many Hollywood Studio Marketing Executives for their latest and greatest epic motion picture release....however, that statement applies here with this evening's presentation.

After a 35 year absence, WITHROW SOUNDS AGAIN did not happen overnight. It was meticulously planned and executed over a three year period. It was only possible with the help of passionate alumni, financial donors, the Withrow Alumni Board (WAI), Cincinnati Public School (CPS), and generous donations of new and used lighting, stage equipment, and musical instruments.

All of this combined with focused dedication and an unbounded love of our glorious alma mater, comes tonight's centennial presentation.

This is just the beginning of such musical presentations in this beautifully renovated auditorium. We are dedicated and enthusiastically committed to bringing back the fine arts to Withrow University High School, a school once deemed "The nation's first high school Musical Arts Program."

A BIG thank you to all who have contributed to tonight's amazing work of love.

Now, sit back and enjoy...WITHROW SOUNDS AGAIN!!

Zachery D. Riggins, Class of '72  
Producer and Director

**The Withrow Alumni Board in Association with  
Withrow Centennial Productions**

**Presents**

**WITHROW SOUNDS AGAIN!!**

**A musical event Celebrating 100 years of Withrow**

**Produced and Directed by Zachery Riggins (Class of  
1972)**

**Executive Producers :**

**Carol Mitchell-Lawrence (84') and David Blocksom (69')**

**Associate Producers:**

**Richard Eby (59')**

**Patty Hoskins-Dilg (71')**

**Cincinnati Public Schools**

**Isidore Rudnick**

**Withrow Alumni Association**

**Dennis and Mary Goens (69')**

**and Withrow Alumni supporters**



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## PRODUCTION STAFF

Zach Riggins.....Director  
Melody Nordmoe.....Choreographer  
Avery Hammonds.....Music Director  
Sayre Frederick..... Production Stage  
                  Manager/ Theater Manager/Choreographer  
Jayme Frederick .....Assistant Stage Manager  
Carol Wetzel..... Costumer Designer  
Daniel Kaufman ..... Lighting Designer  
Brennan Tryling .....Lighting Designer

## ORCHESTRA STAFF

Jay Bresset.....Conductor  
Susan Schimer.....Assistant Conductor  
                  and Orchestra Coordinator

## VOLUNTEERS

Dennis Goens .....Memorial Video Producer  
Jody McOsker ..... Teacher  
Beverly Early ..... Front Office Administration  
Marie Redfearn Smith.....Graphic Designer  
Robert Igoe.....I and Eye Productions  
Isiah and Amari .....Spotlight Operators  
    Mrs. Kilbey and Mrs. Gordon's Art Class

# CAST

## Students

Antwnazia Fant	Julian Stewart
Dare Moffett	Marvin Jones
Genea Bouldin	Mirielle Ngalula
India Perry	Quiara Thompson
Irene Mwanji	Teyon Pettis
Julian Stewart	

## Alumni & Others

Antonio E. Griffith Jr.  
Clarice Titus  
David Hankerson  
Deb Noon Ye  
Diane Dangerfield Byrd  
June Cable  
Kim Martin  
Ludiela Warren  
Mary Reichling  
Mary Turner  
Pat Hunley  
Will Underwood  
Viodel Washington

# SPECIAL GUESTS

Kathy Wade  
Jim Jones  
Anne Hazelbaker  
Eugene Goss

# ORCHESTRA

Pam Gaylor .....	Violin
Gail Harmeling.....	Violin
Debbie Kohler.....	Violin
Joe Foster .....	Viola
Laura Hillebrand.....	Viola
Kay O'Brien.....	Cello
Howard Suid.....	Bass
Kellie Williams.....	Flute
Barbara Taggert-Milberg.....	Oboe
Dana Milberg.....	Clarinet
Charles McKosar.....	Clarinet
Anthony Malone.....	Clarinet
Russ Rosen.....	Clarinet
Jim Baird.....	Saxophone
Rebecca Cole.....	Saxophone
Randy Marmer.....	Saxophone
Susan Schirmer.....	Saxophone
Jerry Houghton.....	French Horn
Donna Knappenberger.....	French Horn
Carolyn Koehl.....	French Horn
Zachery Riggins.....	Trumpet
Darryl Isaacs.....	Trumpet
Bill Tipkemper.....	Trumpet
Jack Conway.....	Trombone
Dennis Farmer.....	Trombone
Bill Schirmer.....	Trombone
Bruce Knapp.....	Tuba
Art Funk.....	Percussion
Larry Hirth.....	Percussion
Nathan Top.....	Piano

# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT ONE

### *Opening*

<i>Fanfare Opening/Ten Commandments Theme</i> .....	Orchestra
<i>Withrow High School Alma Mater</i> .....	Orchestra
<i>Manhattan Tower</i> .....	Orchestra
<i>Everything's Coming Up Roses</i> .....	Antwnazia Fant and Ensemble
<i>Fascinating Rhythm</i> .....	Melody Nordmoe
<i>Sweet Georgia Brown</i> .....	Orchestra

### *Sounds of Love Through the Years*

<i>Sentimental Journey</i> .....	Mary Reichling
<i>Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy</i> ....	Diane Dangerfield Byrd, Kim Martin, Mary Reichling, Marvin Jones, Quiara Thompson, David Hankerson
<i>Summertime</i> .....	June Cable
<i>Sunshine of my Life</i> .....	David Hankerson
<i>Unforgettable</i> .....	Will Underwood, David Hankerson, India Perry
<i>At Last</i> .....	Viodell Washington

### *Gospel*

<i>Amazing Grace</i> .....	Charles McKosar
<i>Someone to Watch Over Me</i> .....	Kathy Wade
<i>Ave Maria</i> .....	Zachery Riggins
<i>God Bless the Child</i> .....	Mary Turner
<i>This Little Light of Mine</i> .....	Will Underwood and Ensemble
<i>Hold On, Help is On the Way</i> .....	Antwnazia Fant and Ensemble
<i>I Go to the Rock</i> .....	Deb Noon Yee and Ensemble
<i>He's All Over Me</i> .....	Clarice Titus and Ensemble
<i>I Will Follow Him</i> .....	Clarice Titus and Ensemble
<i>You'll Never Walk Alone</i> .....	June Cable and Ensemble
<i>Climb Every Mountain</i> .....	June Cable and Ensemble



# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT TWO

*Beguine Festival* ..... Orchestra

### HAMILTON

*Alexander Hamilton*.....Ensemble  
*My Shot*.....Ensemble  
*The Schuyler Sisters*.....Ensemble  
*The Room Where It Happens*.....Ensemble  
*Helpless*.....Ensemble  
*York Town (The World Turned Upside Down)*.....Ensemble

### SPECIAL GUESTS

*Country Roads*.....Deb Noon Yee and Jim Jones  
*Rhapsody in Blue* ..... Anne Hazelbaker and Orchestra  
*I've Got You Under My Skin*....Eugene Goss and Orchestra  
*Buglers Holiday*.....Trumpet Trio

### *Sounds of the 70s, 80'S,90s, 2000s*

*Shaft*..... Antwnazia Fant, Quiara Thompson, India Perry  
*Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In*.....Ensemble  
*Copacabana*.....Ensemble  
*What a Feeling*.....Deb Noon Yee  
*Treasure*..... Antwnazia Fant, Quiara Thompson,  
India Perry

### *Closing*

*Take me along* .....Diane Dangerfield Byrd, Will Underwood,  
June Cable, Pat Hunley, Ludiela Warren, Mary Turner

*Heal the World With Video Tribute* .....Ensemble  
*Good Lord Bless and Keep You With Video Memories Tribute*  
*SOUNDS OF WITHROW* .....Ensemble

# Meet the Committee

## **Dennis Goens**

Class of '69

Married for 45 years, 3 children, 2 grandchildren

After graduating, my only connection to the theater until Zach's recent recruitment was a technical spotlight operator for a production of "Man of La Mancha" on the island of Guam while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Unfortunately I have to take on a limited position in helping to restore "Sounds" Again at Withrow do to a Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis in 2002. I have volunteered where and when I can to get the music back in the wonderful Withrow Auditorium. I challenge ALL Alumni to get behind the effort to bring back the Music!

## **Mrs. Beverly Denise Early**

Secretary: Withrow University High School for many years (15+) Married 2 Adult children, 4 grandchildren and 2.5 (1 due in August) great-grand children Enjoy music, dancing, and free-time I am not an Withrow Alum, but I am married to one, Alphonzo Early, (Class of 1973)

## **Louise Waldeck Arnett**

Withrow High School '63

University of Cincinnati

Thomas More College

Federated/Macy's 38 years

Cincinnati Arts Association-Aronoff Center for the Arts/Music Hall

Volunteer 23 years

Cincinnati Tourism Ambassador 4 years

## **Patty Hoskins Dilg**

Class of 1971

Secretary, Withrow Alumni Association

Director of Operations for 25 yrs at Matthew 25: Ministries

Have 2 daughters, 2 step-daughters, 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren

**Kay Ferguson Eby**

Married a Withrow grad

Sang in the Senior Choir and was in a Trio for the Minstrels

Worked on school newspaper/Business Manager

Have helped alums in the past:

Worked on archives , Helped with bookkeeping entries

Now working on Sounds and the Centennial Celebration.

Chairman of all of our 9 Class Reunions

Worked for Cincinnati Public Schools for 26 years.



# **Withrow High School Orchestra Students Receive the Benefit of the Ben Carlson-Berne Scholarship Fund**

With the generosity of grants from the Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation and the Henry O. Purdy Family Fund, the Ben Carlson-Berne Scholarship started in 2017 giving weekly lessons, coaching and masterclasses of the highest quality to the Jr. and Sr. Withrow Orchestra students.

The mission of the Scholarship Fund is to provide the highest quality private music lessons for underserved youth in the Cincinnati community who show an interest in classical music and commitment to lessons. We want to see that for every student for whom economic hardship is an obstacle, they need not worry about affording private music lessons that are an essential part of their classical music education.

## **OUR STORY**

The Benjamin Carlson-Berne Memorial Scholarship was established in 2004 by Susan Carlson and Philip Berne, in memory of their son Ben. Ben was a serious student of piano. He loved classical music and grew into a young man full of vitality and spontaneity, with a deep sensitivity for beauty. In high school Ben took it as his mission to help ensure that his love of classical music could be shared with underserved youth. He volunteered his time and talents to help connect youth to classical music, to teach music lessons and to locate instruments for students who could not afford them. Ben's short life ended in 2002 at age 19 in a hiking accident. Ben's vision has inspired others who also want to spread the love of classical music. One idea can change the lives of many, even from a 16 year old boy who loved classical music.

Visit us on our website  
[bcbscholarship.org](http://bcbscholarship.org)

Learn more about us and donate to help us continue  
to support the Withrow Orchestra students!



**BENJAMIN CARLSON-BERNE  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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1963	Louise Arnett
1973	Pat Bacchus
1978	Cassandra Bailey
1975	Lorraine Baker
1969	Gary Beckstedt
CPS	Brandon Bell
	Brian Bley
1965	Claudia Bley
CPS	Robin Brandon
1967	Sally Brooks
Withdraw Staff	Caroline Burns
1972	Diane Byrd
2017	Juwan Carter
1975	Lori Chaffin
1971	Wendy Chalk
1976	Sonia Delaine
1971	Patty Dilg
Withdraw Staff	Dwayne DuBois
Withdraw Staff	Beverly Early
1959	Kay Eby
1959	Rich Eby
1977	Dennis Farmer
1962	Kathy & Justin Fischer
2010	Dominique Francisco
	Sayre Frederick
	Randy Glerth
1969	Dennis & Mary Goens
Withdraw Staff	Denise Gordon
Withdraw Staff	Jerron Gray
CPS	Avery Hammond
1960	Nancy Herrin
Withdraw Staff	Maria Hidalgo
	Undretta Hill
1988	Faith Lee Hill
	Mike Hoff
1978	Pat Hunley
1987	Arnisha Jones
	Victoria Kesler

Withdraw Staff	Kim Kilby
1979	Vicki Lamb
Withdraw Staff	Cynthia Lockett-Nelson
1973	Karen Luckie
1959	Gayle McLaughlin
Withdraw Staff	Jody McOsker
1984	Carol Mitchell-Lawrence
	Dr. K.T. Monree-Moffett
	Denise Newland
CPS	Melody Nordmoe
	All of Queen City Church
Withdraw Staff	Inyeai Ororokuma
1964	Joan Perkins
	Debra Rettich + Others
1972	Zachery Riggins
1984	Felecia Roberson
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Withdraw Staff	Diane Rowland
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1954	Carol Taylor
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Withdraw Staff	Pam Thomas
CPS	Brian Thorner
1973	Clarice Titus
	Brennan Tryling
1978	Mary Turner
1971	Debbie Weitz
	Carol & Paul Wetzal
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	Stuart Wheaton of River City Scenic
1981	Elaine Williams
1993	JoAnna Williams
Withdraw Staff	Debora Wilson
1983	Deanna Wyche
1974	Deb Noon Yee
	Al Cable

# **WSA DONOR LIST FOR AUDITORIUM AND THEATRE RESTORATION**

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Dan Kaufman  
Zachery Riggins  
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Sandy L. Mitchell  
Douglas Curtis  
Deb Noon-Yee  
Stuart Wheaton  
Maurico Martinez

# MEET THE STAFF

## **Zach Riggins (Director)**

My name is Zachery D. Riggins and I am a proud Withrow alumnus from the class of 1972. I am a classically trained singer who plays the trumpet, and arranges music.

I have owned two (2) businesses that catered to the motion picture and video production community. I worked and managed the Audio Visual and Video Production department in the Electronic Media Division at the University of Cincinnati for Thirty (30) years. I also taught a lighting class for film production during my tenure at UC. I am a Lay Speaker and serve on the board of directors in my church, located in Blue Ash, Ohio.

I have been involved in theater for nearly 45 years and have appeared in several productions as a singer and actor with various theater companies. I have also worked as a producer, director and lighting technician on several productions, including; drama, comedy, and musicals, as well as the creator and developer of two large productions; "AMUSICANA" a musical variety show that ran from 1981 thru 1983 and "Glory of the King!" 2012 thru 2014, a large Christmas production that involved over 120 participants, including: actors, technicians, singers, dancers, and 20 orchestra members. Both productions ran for three successive years. While a student at Withrow, I was involved with the Band (Trumpet player), Orchestra, Pep Band, Senior Choir, and Stage Crew. I participated in three SOUNDS OF WITHROW productions, three Christmas concerts, three spring concerts, and two stage plays (stage crew) and many other events, including one, while in high school, with the late George G. "Smittie" Smith.

I was fortunate enough to work with the late Elston Hurst, who was a mentor to me until his passing. Elston was the Set Designer and Stage Director of the SOUNDS OF WITHROW. He was also a 1948 graduate of Withrow high school.

Currently, I am the president of the Cinematic Plays Theater Company (CPTC) a local family friendly entertainment group in Cincinnati that specializes in radio dramas.

Two years ago, I created a Facebook page titled; WITHROW SOUNDS AGAIN! The page is dedicated to revitalizing interest in Withrow high school and its Musical Arts legacy by having alumni express their memories of the SOUNDS OF WITHROW and for some, WITHROW MINSTRELS. Currently, there are over 536 alumni members on the page and growing. Recently, I was hired by the Superintendent of fine arts for CPS, Dr. Isadore Rudnick, to begin teaching a Stage craft class to prepare and introduce students to the Theater arts.

I am currently in pre-production for a centennial presentation of WITHROW SOUNDS AGAIN, a musical remembrance of our past musical productions.

## **Sayre Frederick (Stage Manger)**

Sayre has been stage manager for over 4 years working with a variety of shows. Most notable works: *Anything Goes*, *Trumpet in the Land*, *God of Carnage*, *Godspel*

## **Avery Hammonds (Music Director)**

Avery is a teach in the Cincinnati Public Schools, he teaches music.



## **Melody Nordmoe (Choreographer)**

Melody Thomas Nordmoe has been dancing since the age of 4 and began performing on television at the age of 7 on The Midwestern Hayride; a local country & western musical variety show on Channel 5. Having graduated to Dinner Theater, Summer Stock and Cruise Ships, she spent 10 wonderful years “on the road” before coming home to stay. Now, you’ll see her work, both direction and choreography, at schools, community theatres, dance & show choir competitions and recitals. A big thank you goes to her husband Gary and their fur babies Tyler and Zander, life is good.

# **MEET THE CAST**

## **Clarice Cummings-Titus**

I am a member at Cornerstone Baptist Church and I sing with the Cornerstone Combined Voices. I am a retired Educational Specialist after being with Cincinnati Public Schools for 37 years. I am a published Children’s Historical Fiction writer and I love travelling, researching history, and volunteering with nonprofit organizations.

## **Viodel Washington (nee “Chambers”)**

I am a 1973 graduate of Withrow High and I started singing at two years old. Music is a big part of my life – I am involved in choirs, bands, and I also play the piano. My nickname is “Dimples.”

## **Ludelia (nee “Chambers”) Hawkins Warren**

I am a 1966 graduate of Withrow High and have been singing at church since I was two years old. At Withrow, I was involved in the Withrow Jr. High Choir, Mixed Chorus, Girls Glee Club, and the Senior High Choir.

## **Antonio E. Griffith Jr. (Young Boy)**

Withrow Sounds Again is the second stage performance for Antonio (Tone) Griffith Jr. His first stage performance being Colored Girls for DP DeMarco Plays – Cincinnati. The 8-year-old is very excited about being part of the cast and is looking forward to doing more things on stage like his grandma Kim Martin.

## **Kim (Rasool) Martin**

This local actress is excited to return to her roots for Withrow Sounds Again! It was at Withrow, (Class of 1980) she was bit by the acting bug performing in Sounds and the local television show Juvenile Court. She has appeared in plays for Stallworth Productions, DP DeMarco Plays - Cincinnati, films and web series. She is looking forward to what the future holds!

### **Mary Jeanette Turner**

Her strong and distinctive voice has captivated audiences in a variety of settings, from the bright lights of the big stage to the church choir stand. Being raised in the church and the daughter of a minister, she understands the need to stay grounded on firm foundation which allows her to handle the entertainment environment with dignity and great poise. Mary's talents aren't limited singing; she's also skilled in playing percussion and keyboard. She has played with the Cosmic Energy R&B Band, Visions R&B Band as well as Lincoln Heights Praise Ensemble, Zion Global Ministries Judah Ensemble. If that's not enough, Mary also has a natural talent for acting. She's performed in a series of stage plays including: "Bubbling Brown Sugar", "Prodigal Son", "Heavenly Choir", the "Meaning of Christmas" and "A Rage in Harlem". As a licensed cosmetologist, make-up artist and personal stylist, Mary has a deep understanding of what it means to look good on and off the stage.

### **Antwnazia Fant**

Antwnazia Fant is an aspiring dancer, singer, and actress. She is a Senior at Withrow University High School and not only will perform on stage but has assisted in the construction of the sets and has been assisting the stage manager, Sayre Frederick. After graduation, Antwnazia will be attending NKU to major in theater. She also enjoys playing on her guitar and traveling. She wants to thank her mom, Sayre Frederick, Zachery Riggins, and the school for supporting her through this wonderful event. This has been a wonderful chance for her to expand her knowledge on theater and to carry those skills for the near future. She hopes you all enjoy the show enough to do just that.

### **Diane (Dangerfield) Byrd**

Class of 1972 - Diane has performed on stage as a cast member of Cinematic Plays Theater Company and Wimmens Spirit Theater Troop. She is also a former member of Kenny Smith's Peace and Serenity. She has also sang in the Classical Roots Choir. Diane is honored to be performing in Withrow's 100th Year Celebration as a cast member of the Withrow Sounds Again production.

### **Deb Noon-Yee**

Deb Noon-Yee is a 1974 Withrow alumnus where she performed with the choir, ensemble and Sounds of Withrow. She sang with many groups during her life including Freeway (traveled the Holiday Inn circuit), Lace, Ruckus and, more recently, with Brooke Salem Krewe as well as the acoustic sounds of Chuck and James. Deb currently works for Mariemont City Schools in the board office. She enjoys time with her family. Her passion at this time is to support Zach Riggins in bringing the arts back to her beloved high school. I was once a member of the Cincinnati Choral Society.

### **Marvin Jones**

As a Junior at Withrow High School this is Marvin's first year in theater and he loves it. He is excited to be apart of the group that is bringing back Withrow's drama department. Marvin is also a trumpet at Withrow's band and has been for 3 years and counting. He would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Sayre and Mr. Riggins for allowing him to be apart of this amazing opportunity. After all the hard work I hope everyone enjoys

### **Pat Stephens-Hunley**

Class of 1978, a recent member of the Alumni Board has grown up in the in the Withrow neighborhood since childhood. Remembering seeing several Sounds events over the years, she was excited once she was old enough to be a part of the popular production. A creative artist she also helped with the Costume Committee. Hobbies include enjoying music, fashion design and gardening.

### **June Hill-Cable**

She is 59 years old; she graduated from Withrow High from the Class of 1977 which is the largest ever graduating class of any CPS High School, with well over 750 students. She was involved in many activities. Track & Field she set a school record, running the 440. Also she was awarded as being "Most Talented Female in the Class".....Thank you classmates. She was a member of the UC Women's Glee Club and the Hanarobie Contemporary Gospel Ensemble from UC. Mr. Conway, the Choir Director at Withrow was the person that transformed her life, shaping her talents and abilities. He always was there to encourage us to really sing with our souls. She will be performing "Summertime", 42 years after she originally performed in 1977. She dedicates this song to Mr. Conway. We love you always.

## **Withrow Sounds Again Committee**

Patty Dilg  
Lorraine Wilson Baker  
Diane Dangerfield Byrd  
Lori Deible Chaffin  
Bev Early  
Kay Eby  
Rich Eby  
Dennis Goens  
Jerron Gray  
Patty Hoskins Dilg  
Pat Hunley  
Deb Noon-Yee  
Carol Mitchell Lawrence  
Mary Jeanette Turner  
Dennis Farmer  
Carol Wetzel  
Pat Bacchus

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