KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

presents

Gospel Choir

ORAL MOSES
DIRECTOR

Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 8 pm
Dr. Bobbie Bailey & Family Performance Center, Morgan Hall
Forty-eighth Concert of the 2016-17 Concert Season
LISA IRELAND
_Thou Oh Lord_

REV. CHARLES LYONS
_My Hope Is Built_

KIRK FRANKLIN
_My Life Is In Your Hands_

CHRIS TOMLIN
_Whom Shall I Fear_

CHRISTOPHER J. WATKINS
_There Is No One Like You_

intermission

DONALD LAWRENCE
_Bless Me_

SETH DURAND
_The Love Medley_

RODNEY BRYANT
_We Offer Praise_

DONALD LAWRENCE
_Crisis In My Life_

HEZEKIAH WALKER
_Better_
## Gospel Choir Personnel

### Sopranos
- Carla Bates
- Lauryn Davis
- Rosie-Lauren Hind
- Brianna Lee
- Maiah Morris
- Ijeoma Orji
- Jessica Pugh
- Jennell Smith
- Christina Vehar
- Naomi Williams

### Altos
- Karen Bohannon
- Queenester Covington
- Kya Davidson
- Ashley Hamilton
- Jordan Hunter
- Skylar Jackson
- Keisha Jacobs
- Azhane Kennedy
- Shelby Desiree Levine
- Aimee Ouellet
- Tempera Kennedy
- Destine Thomas

### Tenors
- Ben Aparico
- Matthew Boatwright
- Cedrick Edwards
- Erinn Johnson
- Anthony Morris
- Julian Nole
- Jason Raphael
- Phillip Staples
- Travis St. Dic
- Antwan Ward
- Michael Woods

### Musicians
- Rev Chuck Lyons, *staff accompanist*
- Seth Durand, *piano*
- Cory Mason, *drums*
- Irvin Touchstone, *bass*
oral Moses, bass-baritone, performs regularly throughout the United States and Europe singing oratorio and recitals with special emphasis on a wide variety of Negro Spirituals and Art Song repertoire by African-American composers.

He has had numerous successes in oratorio and opera performing major roles in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Regina*, *La Boheme*, *Albert Herring*, *Tremonisha*, *Rigoletto*, and *Die Zauberflöte* among many others. Symphonic engagements have included works with the Nashville Symphony, the Jackson Symphony, Detroit Symphony, Lansing Symphony, Tacoma Symphony and the Atlanta Symphony.

Dr. Moses has recorded several CDs of art songs and spirituals by African-American composers among which is his CD entitled, *Oral Moses sings...songs of America*. His CD, *Extreme Spirituals*, is a collaboration with the controversial eclectic rock/classical band Birdsongs of the Mesozoic on Cuneiform label. In 2001, Albany Records released a collection of spirituals sung a capella entitled *Spirituals in Zion*, which he recorded in the historic Zion Baptist Church built by enslaved African Americans in 1861. As a solo recording artist for Albany Records, his premiere CD, *Deep River: Songs and Spirituals of Harry T. Burleigh*, is featured in the PBS film documentary *Antonin Dvorak in America*. His second CD, *Amen! African-American Composers of the Twentieth Century*, continues to be a best seller on the Albany Record label. He has collaborated with gospel artist Babbie Mason on the CD/video project *Treasured Memories: A Celebration Of Our Gospel Music Heritage*, documenting the rich legacy of Gospel music. A second CD collaboration entitled, *Third Day Offerings: A Worship Album*, allowed him to record with the contemporary Christian rock group Third Day and earned him his first gold record. His most recent contribution to the work of preserving the Negro Spiritual is the website: [www.thenegrospiritualinc.com](http://www.thenegrospiritualinc.com).
His latest CD is entitled *Come Down Angels and Trouble The Water*. This CD is a collection of spirituals celebrating the Negro Spiritual as a national treasure.

Born in South Carolina, he began his singing career as a member of the United States Seventh Army Soldiers Chorus in Heidelberg, Germany, and as a member of the famed Fisk Jubilee Singers while attending Fisk University following his military career. As a T. J. Watson Fellow, he studied in Germany and Austria and upon his return to the United States, he earned a Masters of Music and a Doctorate of Musical Arts Degree in Vocal Performance and Opera from the University of Michigan. In 1986, as a recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, he co-authored a book entitled, *Feel The Spirit - Studies in Nineteenth Century Afro-American Music*, published by Greenwood Press. He is a contributing author in both the third edition of *Notable Black American Women* and the second edition of *Notable Black American Men*, published by Gale Press. He is a frequent guest lecturer and clinician for gospel and Negro Spirituals workshops and conferences.

Dr. Moses is a retired Professor Emeritus of Voice at KSU University.
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- Doug Lindsey, Trumpet, Chamber Music
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- Nathan Zgonc, Trombone
- Brian Hecht, Bass Trombone
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## Strings
- Helen Kim, Violin
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- Paul Murphy, Viola
- Charae Krueger, Cello
- James Barket, Double Bass
- Joseph McFadden, Double Bass
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- Mary Akerman, Classical Guitar

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Stephen W. Plate, DMA
Director, KSU School of Music

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