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# Lift Every Voice and Sing!

David A. Richardson, conductor  
Michael López, pianist

October 22, 2022 3:00 PM

Bethany United Methodist Church  
118 West Third South Street  
Summerville, SC



# Singers of Summerville

David A. Richardson  
*conductor*

Joe Swisher  
*assistant conductor*

Michael López  
*accompanist*

## PROGRAM

**Sing Out My Soul**

Marques L.A. Garrett

**I Dream A World**

André Thomas

**He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

*arr.* Moses Hogan  
Xavier Williams, *counter-tenor* (1957-2003)

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

*arr.* Roland Carter  
J. Rosamond Johnson

**I Believe**

Mark A. Miller  
Taryn Wetherington, *soloist*  
Joe Swisher, *conductor*

**Walk Together Children**

*arr.* Moses Hogan  
Jean Claude Davidson, *baritone*

**Let us Cheer The Weary Traveler**

Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)  
*ed.* Marques L.A. Garrett

**He Never Failed Me Yet**

Robert Ray  
Sharon Napoleone, Payton Broderick,  
Sherry Poole Padgett, Xavier Williams, *soloists*



Now in its 19th year, Singers of Summerville was formed in August 2003 by the Greater Summerville Music Forum of South Carolina. The group strives, through community outreach and local concerts, to provide performances of the very best sacred and secular music of the past five centuries for the enjoyment and musical education of the Greater Charleston community.

The choir is under the direction of David A. Richardson, after having been led by Dr. Valerie Bullock from August 2006 until her retirement in spring 2020. The ensemble is comprised of twenty-five to forty dedicated volunteer musicians and entrance into the choir is gained through competitive audition.



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*Conductor* **David A. Richardson** is a respected choral conductor, educator, singer, and keyboardist in the Charleston Tri-County area. The 2022-2023 school year marks his fourteenth year in Dorchester School District Two as director of choral activities at Summerville High School, and he taught in Berkeley County School District as a band director prior to his tenure in DD2. Before becoming director of choral activities at Summerville High School, he was director of choral activities at Rollings Middle School of the Arts and Fort Dorchester High School, with his choirs at both Rollings and Fort Dorchester earning consistent superior ratings at festivals and adjudicated events. Mr. Richardson's passion for choral music education reaches beyond the public school classroom as adjunct professor of music education at College of Charleston, where he teaches courses in Elementary Music Methods, Secondary Methods, and choral Literature.

Mr. Richardson currently serves as minister of music at Providence Church on Daniel Island, where he oversees the music ministry and ensembles. He served as music director and resident conductor of the Charleston Gospel Choir and Spiritual Ensemble for five seasons, where he led performances honoring the spiritual, Black gospel music, and other sacred works with orchestra. Mr. Richardson was the inaugural chorusmaster and conductor of the Color of Music performance of Mozart's Requiem in 2012 with the Color of Music Festival Orchestra.

As choral clinician and guest conductor, Mr. Richardson has conducted numerous county choirs at all levels throughout the Carolinas. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music Education, with a major in voice, from Charleston Southern University, and a Master's of Music with a concentration in music education from Kent State University. Accomplishments include being named Charleston Southern University's Alumni of the Year, South Carolina Music Educators Association's Young Music Educator of the Year, and 2016 Dorchester School District Two's Honor Teacher of the Year. Mr. Richardson is currently president of the South Carolina Music Educators Association division of Choral Music.



After graduating from WVU in 1987, *Assistant Conductor* **Joe Swisher** and his wife, Carol, moved to Berkeley County from Charleston, West Virginia, to teach. They were drawn to the warm climate, Southern hospitality, and laid-back lifestyle South Carolina offers, not to mention the beach. They have raised three wonderful children in this beautiful community who continue to make them proud, serving others as a teacher, doctor, and clinical counselor.

Joe enjoyed teaching choral music in Berkeley County for 31 years, having taught close to 20,000 students. He was elected Teacher of the Year at two schools, and takes special pride in seeing so many of his former students currently serving others in the classroom as music teachers.

Joe has directed church music for over 27 years, directing everything from classical to contemporary music. In addition to singing with and occasionally directing Singers of Summerville, he has participated in shows with the Flowertown Players in Summerville, and has sung with the Charleston Symphony Singers. He is currently a Realtor, where he enjoys helping people achieve their housing dreams and goals.



Michael López, Collaborative Pianist, is a native of Charleston, SC and is currently in his eleventh years as associate director of music at Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville. He serves in both traditional services each Sunday, sings first tenor in the Men's Ensemble, directs the Women's Ensemble, and is conductor for the nationally recognized Chancel Bells of Bethany UMC.

Mr. López is highly sought as an accompanist and collaborative pianist, working with companies such as MidAmerica Productions and the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. He has traveled throughout the United States, Venezuela, and Greece accompanying for operas, musical theater productions, and major choral and symphonic works. In addition to his work as a collaborative pianist, Mr. López is the current associate conductor for Charleston Stage Company, the oldest professional theatre company in South Carolina. He is thrilled to be performing again with Singers of Summerville.



## SINGERS OF SUMMERVILLE

Payton Broderick	Betsy McAmis	Jennifer Sherwood
Jean-Claude Davidson	Sharon Napoleone	Greg Spires
Barbara Dobbs	Tony Pecorara	Joe Swisher
Mary Fabel	Jacob Phelan	Jessica Turner
Gary Fabian	Susan Storm Pomeroy	Taryn Wetherington
Pamela Gardiner	Sherry Poole Padgett	Xavier Williams
Eszter A. Hollo	Diane Rodwell	Charlene Woods
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