

# **There Will Be A Miracle Concert**

*Carver Mathis, Voice*

*Weijia Zhou, Piano*



Monday, December 19, 2022

7:00PM

Trinity Episcopal Church, Midtown Houston

**Please Silence  
Your Cell Phone**



### A Note From Carver:

I think THE GREAT Marian Anderson articulated so clearly what I am feeling at this very moment. She said, *"Sometimes you're overwhelmed when a thing comes, and you do not realize the magnitude of the affair at that moment. When you get away from it, you wonder, did it really happen to you."*

It should come as no surprise to anyone that I quote the words of Marian Anderson at the very beginning of this program. In fact, I feel that it is almost expected of me to do so. You see, Marian has been in my awareness since I was a tiny child. I remember my mother reading stories about her when I was growing up. I listened to many recordings of her during my youth...and, yes, it was on a cassette tape! HAHHAHA! Marian Anderson is regarded as one of the most influential black artists of all time. I still have her autobiography on my bookshelf at home. Somehow, she has always put words to my feelings. Her quoted words above inspire feelings of hope, gratitude, and deep peace within my bones.

Tonight feels like a dream of sorts. I cannot even begin to express just how grateful I am to everyone for showing up tonight. I am definitely aware that it is the Monday of Christmas Eve week...I know you have other plans! I am beyond grateful that you took time out of your busy schedule to come and hear me sing, come and hear me bring awareness to a cause that means a great deal to me, and to help usher in the holiday season. My hope and prayer for tonight is that you would recognize the still small voice of God in the songs that I sing, the stories that I tell, and in the faces of those sitting around you. My greatest hope is that you would leave this evening with a renewed sense of faith, hope, and love.

Emmanuel. God is with us.

I love you all so much! Thank you from the depths of my heart.

*~Carver Mathis*



*Carver and Marian Anderson at Carnegie Hall in 2017. Carver's debut.*

## Act 1

It All Fades Away	<i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> Jason Robert Brown (b.1970)
I'm Going to Go Back There Someday	<i>The Muppets Movie</i> Paul Williams (b.1940) & Kenny Ascher (b.1944)
Somewhere Over The Rainbow	Harold Arlen (1905-1986)
Let Yourself Go	<i>Follow The Fleet</i> Irving Berlin (1888-1989)
My Book	<i>Seven Deadly Sins Song Cycle</i> Lynn Ahrens (b.1948) & Stephen Flaherty (b.1960)
Your Daddy's Son	<i>Ragtime</i> Lynn Ahrens (b.1948) & Stephen Flaherty (b.1960)
He's Got The Whole World In His Hands	<i>Traditional</i> Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
My Good Lord's Done Been Here	<i>Traditional</i> Arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
Need You Now <i>Guest Soloist: Ruben Galvan</i>	Lady Antebellum (2006)
Stop	Georgia Stitt (b.1972)
On The Other Side of The Tracks	<i>Little Me</i> Cy Coleman (1929-2004)
There Will Be a Miracle	<i>See What I Wanna See</i> Michael John-Lachiusa (b.1962)

**\*\*There will be a 20 minute intermission. Please go to Fellowship Hall and grab some cookies and wassail!\*\***

## Act 2

Spirituals Medley Traditional  
Baby of Bethlehem/I Wonder As I Wander/Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Everybody's Waiting For The Man With The Bag Kay Starr (1922-2016)

It's The Most Wonderful Time of The Year Edward Pola & George Wyle  
Arr. Andy Williams (1927-2012)

Silver Bells Jay Livingston (1915-2001) & Ray Evans (1915-2007)

Christmas In New York Lea Michele (b.1986)

Christmas Medley  
Weijia Zhou, Piano  
Guest Soloist: Brandee Sibley  
**Please sing along!!**

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)  
Guest Soloist: Brandee Sibley

Little Road to Bethlehem Michael Head (1900-1976)

River Joni Mitchell (b.1943)

All Is Well Michael W. Smith (b.1957)

## Acknowledgements:

**Weijia Zhou**, Collaborative Pianist—I cannot thank you enough for the many hours you have put into making this program what it has become! I thank you from the bottom of my heart! I did not want anyone else on this program...YOU ARE IT as far as I'm concerned! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Reverend Hannah Atkins-Romero**—The best boss in the entire world! What a gift it is to work for you! Thank you for believing in me, supporting my crazy ideas, and for always having a heart for our neighbors.

**Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes**—Again, the best boss in the entire world! Thank you for always supporting my dreams, hopes, and aspirations...even the ones that seem wild! And, thank you for always keeping our team laughing!

**Reverend Dale Klitzke**— You are so amazing! Thank you for being so excited about ministry, outreach, and community engagement! Your optimism is so contagious! You are such a blessing to this community! Thank you for being so excited about this concert!

**Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster**— Thank you for allowing me to use the space for this concert. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement! You are amazing! I will happily sing under your direction anytime! You are the best of the best!

**Pat Laubach**—I have always lovingly referred to you as Trinity's mayor. You are a wealth of information, talent, and wisdom. Thank you for the many conversations about this concert. I will never forget sharing with you what God had placed in my heart...tonight is a result of our conversation. I needed an outside set of ears to listen, respond, and encourage. Thank you for believing in me and in my singing.

**Ryan Mire**— I have no words to accurately describe just how thankful I am for you. You are the most patient human being that I know! Thank you for the many answers to my never-ending questions.

**Shelby Bradley**— Thank you for being my partner-in-crime. I am thankful for the hours that you have put into making sure this program, and MANY other programs, go off without a hitch! I am grateful that God lets us work together on many different projects! You are awesome!

**Brandee Sibley & Ruben Galvan**— Thank you for agreeing to come and sing this evening! I am very, very grateful for your artistry.

**My Siblings**– We are MANY in number. We are MUCH in faith. I am most grateful to come from a long lineage of believers! Thank you for teaching me the value of a life rooted in Christ.

**Mom & Dad**– Thank you for choosing me. Thank you for praying over me every single day. Thank you for allowing my shenanigans in our house. I am sorry that I have embarrassed you, Dad, by saying that I am “deathly allergic to coconut”. LOL! I just choked on a piece that one time! HAHHAHA!

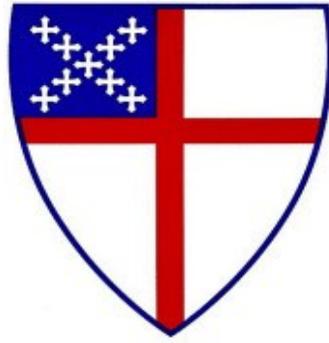
My greatest hope this side of eternity is that I have made you proud, Mom. I miss you every single day. You are the reason that I have a heart for those around me...I learned it all from you. I know you are “shouting all over God’s Heaven”. “I will do all that God asks of me.”

**To ALL of my voice teachers**– I would not be where I am, accomplishing the things I have, without your support, tough love, and unwavering belief in my artistry. I am a better singer because I “have a deep appreciation for the lyrics”. I truly have come to understand that “text is the heart-beat” of what we do.

**Marian Anderson & Jessye Norman**– You both have inspired me since my beginning. I cannot wait to meet you in the Promised Land! We will sing!! That will be the most glorious day!

**God**– Without you, I am nothing. Nothing. You allowed these bones to live, my breath to flow, and my song to sing. I am not supposed to be alive, I am not supposed to be singing...BUT GOD! You are the head of my life, and I will be all that I was created to be! Thank you for setting everything in motion.

**Dr. Sharon Radionoff**–The greatest voice specialist any human being could ever ask for! I am so thankful that I get to train with you. Thank you for all of the life lessons that you have taught me along the way. Thank you for allowing me the space to “just be”. This program has your artistry scattered all over it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! God bless you!



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