

Singing Low, Sweet Chariot

Chorus for Mixed Voices

Negro Spiritual

Harmonization by

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JUBILATION! FISK JUBILEE SINGERS EXHIBIT COMING TO NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC (NMAAM)

An Immersive Experience Opening in Nashville and Touring the Southeastern United States Beginning in Fall 2025

NASHVILLE, TN – The National Museum of African American Music (NMAAM) will soon present *Jubilation! Ambassadors On A Sacred Journey*, an immersive 2,500-square-foot exhibition celebrating the profound legacy of the Fisk Jubilee Singers. This exhibition will debut at NMAAM on May 10, 2025, and will remain on display through the summer.

The exhibition illuminates the significant role the Fisk Jubilee Singers® played in shaping American music and defining Nashville as Music City. Their resilience, artistry, and unwavering dedication to preserving African American spirituals continue to inspire generations. This exhibit serves as a powerful tribute to their cultural impact, ensuring that their legacy resonates across time and continues to inspire change and unity. You can reserve your tickets now at [<https://www.nmaam.org/jubilee>].

"The Fisk Jubilee Singers have played an undeniable role in shaping the cultural and musical landscape of America. We are honored to present this exhibit at NMAAM before it travels nationwide, allowing more people to connect with their extraordinary journey."

– Stacey Koju, Chair of the Board of Trustees, National Museum of African American Music

"The Fisk Jubilee Singers are a cornerstone of Fisk University's legacy, a legacy built on resilience, excellence, and a commitment to change. This exhibit not only honors their monumental contribution to music, but it also underscores the vital role that Fisk continues to play in shaping culture and empowering the next generation of changemakers. Their journey reminds us that music is not just an art form—it's a movement that drives progress and unity."

– Dr. Agenia Clark, President of Fisk University

A LEGACY OF PERSEVERANCE AND MUSIC

The exhibition takes visitors on a journey through the history of the Fisk Jubilee Singers, beginning with their first performance in 1871, which helped raise critical funds for their school, Fisk University. Their music—a blend of African traditions and spirituals passed down through generations—would go on to influence the soundscape of America. Through their voices, the Fisk Jubilee Singers shared the stories of endurance, faith, and cultural pride, introducing the world to the powerful sounds of African American spirituals.

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The exhibit is designed to engage visitors with the history and emotional power of the Fisk Jubilee Singers' story. Through dynamic audio-visual displays, visitors will experience performances that reflect the conditions that gave rise to their iconic spirituals. The *Virtual Jubilee* section of the exhibit will feature historical recordings and a vibrant light display, immersing audiences in the singers' legacy.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to explore Ambassador Panels, which provide personal stories of the original group members, and *The Prelude*, which introduces the annual Jubilee Day at Fisk University. The exhibit will also feature *Fast Forwards*, which connect thematic chapters through evocative images and phrases, and *The Coda*, where the exhibition culminates in a powerful section that brings their journey full circle.

HONORING THE PAST, INSPIRING THE FUTURE

This exhibit not only honors the Fisk Jubilee Singers' historic contributions but also emphasizes their lasting influence on American music and culture. It celebrates their work as pioneers who used music as a tool for resilience, empowerment, and social change.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC

NMAAM is the only museum dedicated to preserving and celebrating the many music genres created, influenced, and inspired by African Americans. The museum's expertly curated collections share the story of the American soundtrack by integrating history and interactive technology to bring the musical heroes of the past into the present. The National Museum of African American Music is the premier global destination for music lovers of all generations and inspires, educates, and transforms your appreciation of American music. NMAAM's mission is to educate the world, preserve the legacy, and celebrate the central role African Americans play in creating the American soundtrack.

NMAAM was born out of a proposal from the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce in 2002, as a way to celebrate and preserve African Americans' influence on music and provide residents and visitors with diverse cultural offerings. The National Museum of African American Music broke ground in early 2017 and officially opened in 2021. Since its opening, NMAAM has welcomed guests from across the U.S. and is one of Music City's top must-see tourist destinations. For more information, please visit www.nmaam.org.

About Fisk University

Fisk University is a highly ranked historically Black university, according to U.S. News and World Report, and is the oldest institution of higher learning in Nashville, Tennessee. Fisk's outstanding faculty and students continue to enhance the University's international reputation for academic excellence. Fisk's scholars continue to make strides in all areas of the industry from Social Justice to the sciences. A Fisk education prepares students to become beacons in servicing the community and well-rounded leaders and scholars in their respective fields. Fisk offers more than 20+ undergraduate and graduate programs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Clinical Psychology with a bridge Masters to Ph.D. program through a partnership with Vanderbilt University. For more information, visit Fisk.edu.



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OPENING WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Join us for a special exhibition opening weekend on May 10-11, 2025!

OPENING DAY SCHEDULE - MAY 10th

- 12:00 PM: Panel Discussion: "The History and Legacy of the Fisk Jubilee Singers" (Roots Theater)
- 1:00 PM: VIP/Press Ribbon Cutting
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM: Exhibit Opens to the Public – timed ticket entry.
- 2:00 - 5:00 PM: Closing Celebration

HEARTBEAT SATURDAYS

Throughout the exhibition run, join us every Saturday for "Heartbeat Saturdays" featuring special programming, performances, and educational activities that expand on themes from the exhibition.

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