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# The Jubilee Folk Singers

Present

## BLACK MUSIC IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

(A MUSICAL DRAMATIC PRESENTATION OF THE  
SPONTANEOUS DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEGRO SPIRITUAL)



EMERY FINE ARTS GYMNASIUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1972

4:00 P.M.

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It is with delight that we present these arrangements to the traditional Negro Spiritual. These are collections of slave melodies that had their origin in the life of an oppressed, yet hopeful people.

To the black man, song was the sole means of expressing his emotions and feelings in a particular circumstance. From his song one may form the truest judgment of his character and disposition.

Naturally, sadness is the note most often struck; but the frequently-expressed joy, carefree, overflowing joy, reveals what an enviable creature the black man is in his happy moods.

Because of their great number, their flowing melodies, compelling rhythms, and deeply religious content, the Negro Spirituals continue to be one of the finest bodies of folk songs in the world.

Ann H. Jones, Director

Ligon Jubilee Folk Singers



## PROGRAM

### I

#### RAPE OF THE CONTINENT AND EARLY STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE

African Influence in Early Chants  
Slaves on the Market

#### SPONTANEOUS OUTBURSTS OF INNER CONFLICTS

The Sorrow Songs  
The Signal Songs  
Rallies for Freedom  
The Shouts and Jubilees

### INTERLUDE

#### YOUNG — GIFTED — BLACK

(Twenty Minutes with RICHARD CRAIG ALSTON, 1971 Talent Expo Classical Instrumental Division Winner in the Garden State)

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| I   | PRELUDE AND FUGUE No. 2 in C Minor ..... | J. S. Bach     |
| II  | IMPROMPTU Op. 90, No. 4 .....            | F. Schubert    |
| III | LE POLICHINELLE .....                    | H. Villa-Lobos |
| IV  | THE WHITE PEACOCK .....                  | C. T. Griffes  |
| V   | ETUDE Op. 10, No. 12 .....               | F. Chopin      |

### BRIEF INTERMISSION

### II

#### CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS OF TRADITIONAL SLAVE MELODIES

(Spirituals Made Famous by the Fisk Jubilee Singers of Nashville)

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| SET DOWN SERVANT .....         | arr. Fred Waring   |
| ROCKIN' JERUSALEM .....        | arr. John Work     |
| I HEAR A VOICE A-PRAYIN' ..... | Houston Bright     |
| RIDE THE CHARIOT .....         | arr. William Smith |

### III

#### TWENTIETH CENTURY DEVELOPMENTS: Folksong and Gospel

The character of the spiritual has somewhat changed as the new black man has achieved in the social, educational, and the industrial world of his fellow Americans. The strife and struggle to achieve, however has left unspoiled the native gift of song.

#### THE JUBILEE SINGERS IN EXPRESSIONS AND CREATION OF DEEP CONSOLATION

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