



*Thank you to the Woodson Museum and
your staff for hosting this celebration*

*Thank you to Kevin Mitchell, Tenor,
Saint Petersburg Opera Company*



Kevin Mitchell is a tenor from Houston, TX that moved to St. Petersburg in 2017.

He obtained a Bachelors of Arts in Music from Sam Houston State University and a Masters in Opera Performance from Wichita State University, (where he studied with Samuel Ramey and Alan Held). Kevin is a staff singer with St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in south St. Pete and frequently sings with the St. Petersburg Opera Company. With SPO, Kevin has covered the roles of Jupiter/ Apollo in Handel's Semele, Spoletta in Puccini's Tosca, and Jaquino in Beethoven's Fidelio. Since 2019, he has portrayed the role of Geppetto in John Davies' Pinocchio with the company and will perform the role of Normanno in the upcoming production of Lucia di Lammermoor. Also singing with Opera Tampa, Palma Ceia United Methodist Church, and the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Kevin feels very fortunate and blessed to be able to share his passion and hard work with the Tampa Bay community.

Thank you to The Gathering of Women's Academy of the Performing Arts program which brings together students of all skills who share a passion for music. The program gives aspiring students ages 5-17 of all skill levels the opportunity to explore their creative talents, develop their performance technique and build self-confidence during a challenging yet supportive environment. Their principal objective is to provide a positive, supportive, and educational environment in music to students within our community. Through music, the project creates opportunities for all children to achieve a healthy lifestyle, by promoting cooperation, team spirit, self-confidence, and respect for one another. We have the best music instructors from the Tampa Bay area: Dwayne White-Trumpet, Connie Going -Flute, Vincent Sims-Guitar, Dean Rum -Violin, Pat O'Connor-Drums, Adam Darbyshire-Saxophone and Ben Winkler-Piano. All who give up their time every Saturday to instruct our children.

Thank you, esteemed guests, for your participation in our celebration
of our founder and your support of our freedom schools.

On behalf of the ASALH Saint Petersburg & Tampa Bay Branches.