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# Our Voices

November 23, 2024 | 6:30 pm





Dear Esteemed Guests,

Welcome to Our Voices, the opening concert of the Ritz Chamber Players' 2024-2025 season, **Lift Every Voice**. It is an honor and a joy to have you with us as we begin this season of powerful music and stories that celebrate the brilliance and resilience of the human spirit.

As we lift every voice this season, I invite you to lose yourself in the sounds, emotions, and poignant stories we share. May these performances inspire reflection, evoke joy, and ignite conversations that extend well beyond the walls of this concert hall.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Ritz Chamber Players (RCP) family. Your presence and support are invaluable, and we eagerly anticipate creating many more unforgettable memories with you this season.

With deepest gratitude,

Terrance L. Patterson  
Ritz Chamber Players Artistic Director

## OUR MISSION

To showcase diversity by spotlighting the extraordinary artistry of African American musicians, past and present. RCP seeks to transcend cultural boundaries and amplify the rich mosaic of our society through the universal language of music. Above all, we want to share the transformative power of classical music and ensure it is accessible to everyone.

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## ABOUT THE RITZ CHAMBER PLAYERS

THE RITZ CHAMBER PLAYERS (RCP), is hailed by The Baltimore Sun as “one of the most interesting and dynamic ensembles to emerge in recent years.” Boasting some of the world's preeminent musicians spanning the African diaspora, it brings a fresh, new energy to the classical music genre. Its members perform with prestigious organizations such as the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Pittsburgh Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra and the London Symphony.

Founded in 2002 RCP present a landmark series at the Terry Concert Hall at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida which combines exceptional artistry on stage with inspiring educational programs in schools and throughout the community. Through its concert series in Jacksonville and performances across the United States, RCP continues to build the participation of multicultural audiences that reflect our diverse society.

Called “a remarkable ensemble,” the group's flexible make-up allows for many astonishing combinations of virtuoso players, leading to “riveting” performances of the standard classical music repertoire. RCP are also unique in their dedication to showcase the works of African-American composers with exceedingly artistic and informed interpretations.

RCP made its highly successful début concert at New York's Weill Recital Hall in Carnegie Hall to a standing-room-only crowd, with critics proclaiming the group's performance “extraordinary” and “vital and fresh.” Most recently, the ensemble's performances have been enthusiastically received in Miami, Atlanta, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Raleigh, the British Virgin Islands, Chicago, and Seattle, and in several New York venues, including Rockefeller University and Lincoln Center.

RCP, one of the country's most significant chamber ensembles, celebrated its international radio début on the BBC World Service and WYNC New York with a concert broadcast to more than 30 countries, and its first national television appearance on the 37th Annual NAACP Image Awards. RCP have been guests of the highly-praised National Public Radio shows Performance Today and the Tavis Smiley Shows and are regular guests of the Madison and Amelia Island Chamber Music Festivals.

## PROGRAM

### **Lift Every Voice And Sing**

James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) and J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

### **You Can Tell The World About This**

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

### **The Awakening**

J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

### **Du Tendre Amour (L'amant Anonyme)**

Chevalier Saint George (1745-1799)

### **Adagio In F Minor**

Chevalier Saint George (1745-1799)

### **Sweetest Bard**

Ignatius Sancho (1729-1780)

### **When I am laid in Earth (Dido and Aeneas)**

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

### **Parto, ma tu, ben mio (La clemenza di Tito)**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

## INTERMISSION

### **Someone Is Sending Me Flowers**

David Baker (1931-2016)

### **Adura Fun Alafia (Yoruba)**

Ayo Bankole (1935-1976)

### **Wunya Amané**

Kwabena Nketia (1921-2019)

### **Improvisation**

Kamilla Arku

### **All Kinds of People (Pipe Dream)**

### **Carefully Taught Medley (South Pacific & Into the Woods)**

Rodgers (1902-1979) and Hammerstein (1895-1960)

### **Nobody Knows**

J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

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

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

## MEET THE RITZ CHAMBER PLAYERS

### ALISON BUCHANAN - SOPRANO



Praised for her musical versatility, her luscious voice and her ability to communicate with an audience, British soprano Alison Buchanan is a graduate of the Guildhall School of Music in London and the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia. Alison is the winner of the Kathleen Ferrier, the Luciano Pavarotti, the Washington International and the Maggie Teyte competitions.

As a young artist with San Francisco Opera, Alison made her debut with the company as Mimi in *La Bohème* whilst an Adler she was invited to L.A Opera to sing Nedda in *I Pagliacci* working with Plácido Domingo and Franco Zeffirelli. Alison has performed with New York City Opera as Bess in *Porgy & Bess* and Elvira in *Don Giovanni*, Opera company of Philadelphia, Michigan Opera and Wexford Opera. She has performed under the batons of Sir. Simon Rattle, Sir. Colin Davis, Donald Runnicles and David Robertson to name but a few, with orchestra's such as the Royal Philharmonic, the Philippines Philharmonic, the London Symphony, the BBC Symphony Orchestra,

the Israel Kibbutz Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

More recently, Ms. Buchanan played an operatic soprano in the Queen Charlotte: A Bridgeton Story episode Gardens in Bloom in the hit Netflix Series, joined Marin Alsop for performances in Brazil with the São Paulo Symphony Orchestra, returned to the Boston Symphony Orchestra to perform in *Porgy & Bess*, gave recitals in St. Louis, Washington DC and in Jacksonville, performed the role of Janthe in *Der Vampyr* with the American Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall, performed concerts with the Detroit Symphony and gave a recital at National Sawdust in Brooklyn. Buchanan recently released a recording of the songs of Dr. George Walker accompanied by the composer for Albany records, sang Knoxville Summer 1915, Barber, at the Kennedy Center with the Apollo Orchestra and joined members of the Boston Symphony, the New York Philharmonic and the Atlanta Symphony for the Classical Pops Festival in Barbados.





## KAMILLA ARKU - PIANO

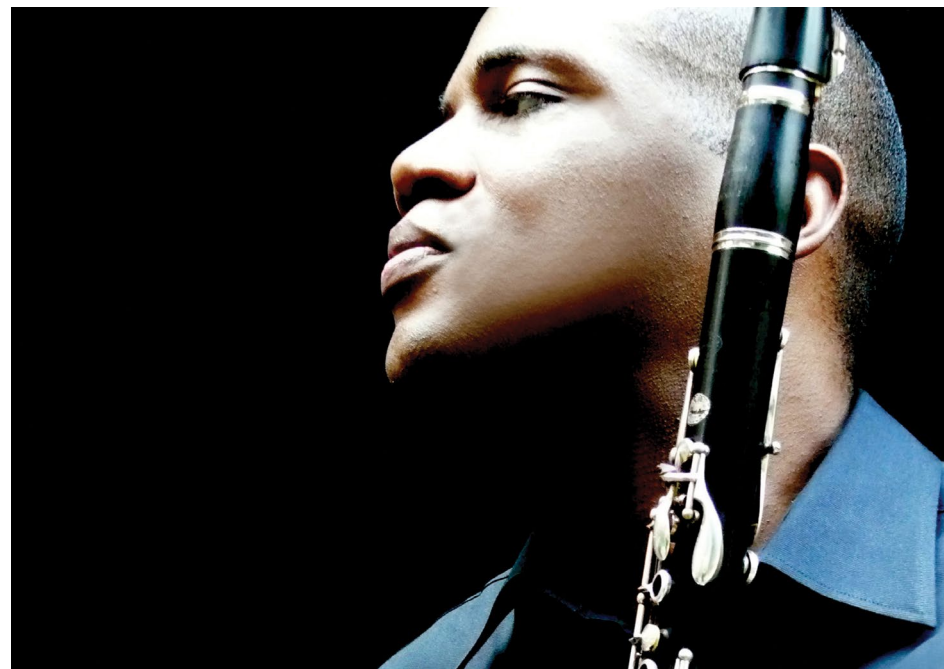


Liberian-Norwegian pianist Kamilla Arku draws on her diverse background as inspiration for her work as a performer, educator and scholar. She has recently performed for the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chamber Music Society at Lincoln Center, MoMA Ps1, the Intercultural Music Initiative, the African Concert Series and the Royal Opera House. As a performer and a researcher, Kamilla is passionate about exploring the intersections of race and gender in music, with a special interest in piano music by women from the African diaspora. She has also performed her own compositions in Europe, the US, and Africa.

In addition to performing and research, Kamilla is also founder of Music for Liberia, a nonprofit which supports young people in Liberia. She is a graduate of Yale University and the Royal Northern College of Music, and is currently a PhD student in Musicology at New York University. Kamilla was recently published in *Women and Music: A Journal of Gender and Culture*, and looks forward to publication in Cambridge University Press in 2026.

Kamilla's latest musical release is an African pianism-inspired collaboration with composer Dameun Strange, out on the Nonclassical label. During the 2023-24 season she also joined Madonna's global "Celebration Tour" as a piano coach and teacher.

## TERRANCE L. PATTERSON - CLARINET



Terrance L. Patterson is Founder and Artistic Director of the Ritz Chamber Players which is hailed by The Baltimore Sun as "one of the most interesting and dynamic ensembles to emerge in recent years. Jacksonville native, Clarinetist Terrance L. Patterson, has performed in Paris, London, Milan, Brussels, Belgrade, Munich, Amsterdam, Moscow, Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Miami, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and New York. He has performed with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, the Sphinx Symphony of Detroit and the Nashville, Florida West Coast, Huntsville, Festival, and Las Vegas Symphonies. He attended the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University where he studied with clarinetist Lorin Kitt, principal clarinetist of the

National Symphony Orchestra. As an educator, Terrance Patterson has taught at the Florida State College at Jacksonville and the University of North Florida.

Terrance L. Patterson was awarded the first Ann McDonald Baker Art Ventures from The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida which recognizes an artist whose work brings distinction to Northeast Florida and is named for the late Ann McDonald Baker. He also received one of the Boundless: 40 Years, 40 Icons Awards from the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville giving to individuals that demonstrated continuous significant support of arts and culture in our community and has also been the recipient of the first ONYX Awards for Distinction in Music, the Gateways Music Festival's Distinguish Achievements in Music and the Aspire Award from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra!

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### **Guitar Retreat**

Saturday, January 25 All Day

### **A Jacqueline du Pré Recital**

Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 PM

### **Who is it that can tell me who I am?**

Philosophy Slam

Wednesday, January 29 at 7:30 PM

### **The Lost World: Scott Watkins, piano**

Sunday, February 2 at 7:30 PM

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