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THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY AND JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY PRESENT

CSO in Concert with JCSU

**A Joint Performance by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and JCSU Concert Choir
Led by Resident Conductor CHRISTOPHER JAMES LEES
With Solo Performances by JCSU Director of Choral Activities DR. SHAWN-ALLYCE WHITE
And a Special Performance by the JCSU DRUMLINE**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.
Jack S. Brayboy Gymnasium at Johnson C. Smith University**

February 16, 2023 | Charlotte, NC – The Charlotte Symphony will return to Johnson C. Smith University for the first time in more than a decade to share the stage with the JCSU Concert Choir on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jack S. Brayboy Gymnasium. This special collaboration, led by Resident Conductor Christopher James Lees, will feature the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and the JCSU Concert Choir and alumni along with solo performances by JCSU Director of Choral Activities and University Soloist Dr. Shawn-Allyce White.

This uplifting program will feature works by a diverse range of composers including Symphony No. 2 by French Creole virtuoso violinist and composer Joseph Bologne, the Chevalier de Saint-George; *Lift Every Voice and Sing* by American composer and arranger of African-American spiritual music Hall Johnson; Jessica Meyer's *Slow Burn*; and *La La La La* by Haitian-American composer Daniel Bernard Roumain. The JCSU Drumline will close the concert with a special performance.

Tickets

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$15 for general admission. Tickets are available for purchase now at charlottesymphony.org.

About the Charlotte Symphony

One of the premier music organizations in the Southeastern United States and the oldest operating symphony orchestra in the Carolinas, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra (CSO) connects with more than 100,000 music lovers each year through its lively season of concerts, broadcasts, community events, and robust educational programs. The CSO is committed to its mission of uplifting, entertaining, and educating the diverse communities of Charlotte-Mecklenburg and beyond through exceptional musical experiences. The CSO employs 62 professional full-time orchestra musicians, fosters three youth orchestras, and offers significant educational support aimed at serving the under-resourced areas of our community. Founded in 1932, the Charlotte Symphony plays a leading cultural role in the Charlotte area and aims to

serve the community as a civic leader, reflecting and uniting our region through the transformative power of live music.

About Johnson C. Smith University

Founded in 1867, Johnson C. Smith University is a private, close-knit, urban, historically Black university located in Charlotte, N.C. Our university’s Latin motto, “Sit Lux,” or “Let There Be Light,” encourages our students, faculty and staff to shine the lights of learning and service. With a growing national reputation for integrating the liberal arts with business, the sciences and technology, JCSU offers several fields of study, including a master’s degree in social work, to students from a variety of ethnic, socioeconomic and geographic backgrounds. The university’s excellent academic programs focus on servant leadership, civic engagement and global responsibility to produce students who share in the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation. For more information about JCSU, visit www.jcsu.edu or follow the university on social media sites [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

Event Listing

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Jack S. Brayboy Gymnasium, N Summit Avenue

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Christopher James Lees, *conductor*

Dr. Shawn-Allyce White, *JCSU Director of Choral Activities and University Soloist*
JCSU Concert Choir

SUPPÉ	<i>Overture to Light Cavalry</i>
TRAD/Arr. Smith	<i>Walk Together Children</i>
Jessica MEYER	<i>Slow Burn</i>
Richard SMALLWOOD	<i>Trust Me</i>
SAINT-GEORGES	<i>Symphony No. 2</i>
TRADITIONAL/Arr. Johnson	<i>Ride on King Jesus</i>
DVOŘÁK	<i>Slavonic Dance Op. 46, No. 8</i>
TRADITIONAL/Arr. Hogan	<i>Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit</i>
Johnson/Carter	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>
Daniel Bernard ROUMAIN	<i>La La La La</i>

Concert duration is approximately one hour with no intermission.

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