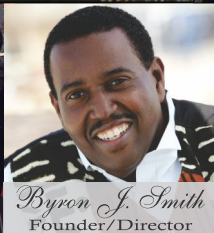


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*Remembering Richard Jackson*

- “Crossin’ Ovah”** Richard Jackson  
*Donald Perry, Tenor*
- “Nobody Knows De Trouble I See”** arr. Fela Sowanda
- “Daniel Saw De Stone, A Shout!”** Richard Jackson  
*Perry Hayes, Baritone*  
*Dedicated to Moses Hogan*
- “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”** arr. Byron J. Smith  
*Victoria Burnett, Soprano*  
*Dedicated to Richard Jackson*
- “I’ll Stand”** Raymond Wise  
*Dedicated to the citizens of Ukraine*
- “I Must Tell Jesus”** arr. Mattie Robertson
- “Work It Out”** Byron J. Smith  
*Timothy Davis, Tenor*
- “Hope For Tomorrow”** Byron J. Smith  
*Lakybra White, Soprano*  
*Dedicated to the survivors of the Covid-19 pandemic*

## **THE SPIRIT CHORALE OF LOS ANGELES**

SOPRANO~Celeste Bemby, Victoria Burnett, Lakybra White

ALTO~Diana Andrews, Kay Bowen, Nancy Justiss, Carol Wooten

TENOR~Timothy Davis, Donald Perry, Michael Wright

BASS~Perry Hayes, Roderick Hines, Ralph Pettiford

Byron J. Smith, Piano Michael Saucier, Bass Gardner Strong Jr., Drums

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*The Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles*



The Spirit Chorale of Los Angeles celebrates a 29 year history of preserving music of African-American composers; especially the Negro spiritual. Director and founder, Byron J. Smith combined some of the most sought after singers in Los Angeles to make up this dynamic choral ensemble. They have toured the country and the world keeping alive the music that grew out of the slavery experience and

presents it with pride and excitement through great arrangements and dynamic singing. The Spirit Chorale has released 4 CD projects. They have also performed with a wide range of artists from Barry Manilow to Richard Smallwood & Wynton Marsallis. Along with the spirituals, Director Smith is known for his uplifting and dynamic gospel selections that have been recorded and performed globally.

Byron J. Smith is a native of Los Angeles (Gardena). He received his M.M in choral conducting from CSU Los Angeles and his B.M. from CSU Long Beach.

Smith's long music career has included 50 years in church music and freelance keyboard work in the industry; 37 years at Los Angeles Harbor College, currently as department chair and Professor of Commercial Music; 29 years with the Spirit Chorale and numerous Musical Theater directing projects including his own award-winning musicals.



**Byron J. Smith**

His choral compositions have been performed by countless ensembles worldwide. His company, Onyx Music Publishing, consistently distributes his music. Byron is the National President Emeritus of National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc.

During this pandemic, he has proudly kept music alive through presenting virtual workshops, producing virtual choir performances and concerts.



## **Richard Allen Jackson** Composer ~ Educator ~ Conductor

Richard Jackson, a talented young musician who had a passion for the Negro Spiritual. As a member of the Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers and the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc, he developed a love for the works of the great composer, Hall Johnson.

His arrangements have been performed globally and he was an multiple winner of the N.A.N.M., Inc Brantley Choral Arranging Competition. Richard was a co-founder of Onyx Music Publishing where his works continue to shine. Unfortunately, at the age of 36, we lost Richard in 2001 but he lives on in our hearts.