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Concert: Essence of Joy

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<th>Spring Break Tour Repertoire 2013</th>
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### I. The Soul of Essence

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<td>Hear My Prayer</td>
<td>Moses Hogan</td>
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<td>Yemaya Asesu</td>
<td>arr. Brian Tate</td>
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<td>Jesus Is the Light of the World/Walk in the Light</td>
<td>arr. Roland Carter</td>
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<td>Lift Every Voice and Sing</td>
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<td>Ave Maria</td>
<td>R. Nathaniel Dett</td>
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<td>Triumph In My Song</td>
<td>Adolphus Hailstork</td>
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<td>Matthew Neal, Eric Williams, Mark O'Reilly, soloists</td>
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### II. Will There Really Be A Morning?

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<td>Will There Really Be A Morning?</td>
<td>Victor C. Johnson</td>
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<td>Ogo Ni Fun Oluwa</td>
<td>Rosephanye and William Powell</td>
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<td>O Holy Lord</td>
<td>arr. R. Nathaniel Dett</td>
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<td>Precious Lord</td>
<td>arr. Roland Carter</td>
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<td>Clap Praise</td>
<td>Diane White-Clayton</td>
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<td>Eric Williamson, narrator</td>
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### III. Great Day

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<td>Great Day</td>
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<td>Deep River</td>
<td>arr. Mark Lehnowsky</td>
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<td>Ain't It a Shame</td>
<td>arr. Roy Belfield, Jr.</td>
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<td>You Must Have That True Religion</td>
<td>arr. Roland Carter</td>
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<td>Jarrett Smith, soloist</td>
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<td>Kyrrah Nagy and Patrick Kelly, soloists</td>
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### Intermission

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<td>Glenn E. Burleigh</td>
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<td>Trust Me</td>
<td>Richard Smallwood</td>
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<td>It Happened At Calvary</td>
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<td>Lead Me To Calvary</td>
<td>arr. Kenneth Louis</td>
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<td>Now Behold the Lamb</td>
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Essence of Joy
Spring 2013
Anthony Leach, music director
Matthew Weaver and Donte Ford, student conductors
Aquila Kikora Franklin, choreographer
Eric Williamson, assistant choreographer
Olatobi Jewoola, Donte Ford, Darrin Thornton, percussion
Neal Holter, electric bass

Soprano
Lauryn Brady
Regilynn Haywood
Kelsey Hendler
Jo Lash
Ashley Lope
Amy Mayer
Adanna Morgan
Madelyn Mulert
Eva Swanson
Leia Wasbotten
Kiena Williams

Tenor
Alex Jay Barskey
Seth Cornwall
Elijah Jones
Jeffrey Kangar
Matthew Neal
Mark O’Reilly
Dylan Phillips
David Schmiech
Jarrett Smith
Eric Williamson

Alto
Marielena Balouris
Maya Kouassi
Jenne Lahov
Megan Lister
Fanta Love
Rebekah Mackley
Shannon McCoy
Kyrah Nagy
Maggie Ortblal
Elizabeth Peter
Marchelle Roniet

Bass
Joshua Crooke
Chris Dickson
Peter Favilla
Emanuel Gamble
Olatobi Jewoola
Patrick Kelly
Andrew Neal
Russell Poole
Alex Porcelli
Anthony Royster
Matthew Weaver

Choir Officers
President – Elizabeth Peter
Vice President – Marchelle Roniet
Secretary – Kelsey Hendler
Treasurer – Matthew Neal
Essence of Joy

Press Kit

February 2013
GENERAL FACT SHEET

**Name:** Essence of Joy  
**Affiliation:** The Pennsylvania State University  
**Founded:** 1991

**Description:** Essence of Joy has been presenting sacred and secular music of the African and African-American choral tradition for more than twenty years. The choir is a credit bearing class at the Pennsylvania State University and under the artistic direction of Dr. Anthony T. Leach. The group has performed extensively in the United States, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

**Members:** The choir is composed of a diverse group of approximately 45 singers. The choir involves undergraduate and graduate students from many academic programs at Penn State.

**Artistic Director:** Dr. Anthony T. Leach – Professor of Music and Music Education at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Leach holds a Ph.D. in music education and masters in conducting from Penn State, and a bachelors in music education from Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.

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**Twitter:** @PSUEssenceOfJoy

**Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/essenceofjoy. Alternatively, search for our fan page or link out from our main website.

**Recordings:** The choir has released six compact disc recordings, including the 2012 album Peace.Love.Joy, which included songs from the last 8 years, with a focus on commissioned works. The choir’s latest CD and sample performance clips are available for purchase here: http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/essenceofjoypennstateuni
**Significant Performances:**

- The American Choral Directors Association National Conventions
- The Music Educators National Conference National Convention
- The Eastern Division of the American Choral Directors Association
- The Eastern Division of the Music Educators National Conference
- The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association
- The National Board of the NAACP
- The Kennedy Center, Washington, DC
- The James Weldon Johnson Society, Schomburg Museum, New York
- Riverside Church Theatre, New York
- Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York

**Spring 2013 Performances:**

- Feb. 2 – Celebration of African American Music Festival, Penn State
- Feb. 24 – Trinity Lutheran Church, State College, PA
- Feb. 28 – York High School, York, PA
- Mar. 1 – Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, PA
- Mar. 2 – Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA
- Mar. 3 – First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit, PA
- Mar. 4 – Abington Heights HS, Clarks Summit, PA
- Mar. 4 – Athens High School, Athens, PA
- Mar. 5 – Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY
- Mar. 24 – Zion United Methodist Church, York, PA
- Mar. 24 – St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA
- Apr. 21 – Spring Campus Concert, Esber Recital Hall
- May 6-18 – Concert Tour of Spain and France

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