



Can You Hear God Crying?

A Spiritatorio

Music and Libretto by Hannibal Lokumbe

Award-winning composer and trumpet player Hannibal Lokumbe is a leader in expressing the African-American experience through his orchestral and choral music, with a special focus on civil rights leaders. *Can You Hear God Crying?* is a 'spiritatorio' which takes us on a journey from hardship and suffering to healing and celebrations of courage and peace, told through the forced migration aboard a slave ship endured by Lokumbe's great-grandfather Silas Burgess. Combining jazz, gospel and chamber music together with West African prayers and songs, this is both a moving commemoration and a spectacularly festive event which faces past and present with honesty and deep spiritual understanding.

Janice Chandler-Eteme *soprano* • **Rodrick Dixon** *tenor*
Homayun Sakhi *Afghan rubâb* • **Paula Holloway** *vocalist*
Rev. Dr. Alyn E. Waller *readings*

The Celebration Choir

Enon Tabernacle Mass Choir and Men's Choir
The Germantown Concert Chorus • The Clayton White Singers
The Arch Street Presbyterian Church Choir • Sounds of Joy Music Ministry

J. Donald Dumpson *choir master*

The Music Liberation Orchestra

Hannibal Lokumbe *trumpet* • Anthony Wonsley *piano* • Nimrod Speaks *bass*
Byron C. Landham *drums* • Mogauwane Mahloele *percussion*

The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia

Dirk Brossé *conductor*

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