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An evening of song, dance, and joy

Holiday Memories

Virtual Concert Premieres
Friday, December 11th
at 7:00pm EST

Streaming through January 1st
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Chartered on May 22, 1988, Rho Theta Omega Chapter strives to serve the Greater Philadelphia area, being of “Service to All Mankind” while also personifying excellence in all we do. Under the leadership of International President, Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover, along with our North Atlantic Regional Director, Mrs. Mary Bentley LaMar, the ladies of Rho Theta Omega are excited to create exciting programs that encompass five international service programs during 2018-2022 years.

The five Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service program targets for 2018-2022 are:

Target 1: HBCU for Life: A Call to Action
Target 2: Women’s Healthcare and Wellness
Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy
Target 4: The Arts!
Target 5: Global Impact

The Signature Program is #CAPSM which is the abbreviation for College Admissions Process.
"Serving the Greater Philadelphia area since 1988"

Vision

Every Rho Theta Omega Chapter member will dot their “I” in service by being Involved, as we have Impact in carrying out Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated’s initiatives.

Mission

To elevate the value and presence of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated in the community and to involve each Rho Theta Omega member in:

- Affecting the community by providing goods and services that truly impact the lives of those we serve.
- Leaving women, children and families better off than when we met them, whether it is via rewarding achievement, providing inspiration, exposure and knowledge and/or access to basic necessities.

Rho Theta Omega Chapter History

The Rho Theta Omega Chapter was founded on May 22, 1988 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The 100th chapter established in the Notable North Atlantic Region, Rho Theta Omega serves the Greater Philadelphia community through direct volunteer service and financial contributions.

A graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the 323 active members of Rho Theta Omega Chapter donate thousands of volunteer hours each year to the community they serve.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Rho Theta Omega Chapter

Celeste L. Merriweather, Ph.D.
10th President
January 2019 to Present
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through the exploration of writers, entertainers and various other artists.

- **Salute to the Harlem Renaissance** will celebrate the contributions of African-American artists during the Harlem Renaissance through student research and chapter sponsorship of student talent showcases. This initiative will correlate with HBCUs and African-American culture and will include colleges with art collections.

- **Salute to the Black Arts Movement** will focus on student research and celebration of African-American artists during the Black Arts Movement. Chapters will champion activities that express the movement’s message and highlight members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority who served as leaders and participants. Activities will include art events, poetry slams, dancing, painting and performing arts.
Mission and History

Founded in 1995 by the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Rho Theta Omega Chapter, The Ivy Legacy Foundation (TILF) is a charitable entity fully committed to making an educational, cultural and societal difference in the Greater Philadelphia community.

TILF was initially created to raise scholarship dollars for college-bound graduating high school seniors as well as non-traditional students pursuing higher education. To date, over $350,000 in scholarships has been awarded. The Foundation also supports other charities in our area due to the tremendous need that exists among our local population.

Scholarship Program

The Foundation has awarded over $350,000 in scholarships to exceptional high school seniors as well as non-traditional students from the Greater Philadelphia area. Recently, it funded the Philly’s Teens Are Cookin’ Culinary Scholarship. In addition to the proceeds received from our signature fundraiser, Philly’s Men Are Cookin’, the Foundation awards scholarships in the names of and on behalf of the numerous private donors listed below:

Baker Foundation
Carrie Gethers Memorial Scholarship
Roberta and John Hubbard Family Foundation Scholarship
Susan Cannon Jones Celebration Scholarship
Vicky Rose Jones Scholarship
Vicky Rose Jones Book Award
Jarvis Moss Shepherd Educational Scholarship
Yvonne Cooper Watson Scholarship
IVY AKAdemy is a youth enrichment and mentoring program for high school students sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Theta Omega Chapter (RTO) and The Ivy Legacy Foundation. RTO has been mentoring young women in the Greater Philadelphia area for over 25 years. The 10-month program runs from September through June and has workshops that focus on career and college exploration, STEM initiatives, etiquette, building positive relationships and team building activities.

Mission Statement
IVY AKAdemy promotes and fosters achievement, self-awareness, communication, empowerment and leadership to improve the trajectory of the lives of young people by increasing their potential for success and laying the foundation for positive, productive and fulfilling lives.
Venturing Into New Endeavors Mentoring AKAdemy (VINE)

VINE is a youth enrichment and mentoring program for young girls in 6th, 7th and 8th grades sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Theta Omega Chapter (RTO) and The Ivy Legacy Foundation. VINE seeks to expose middle/junior high school girls in the Greater Philadelphia area to positive female role models while providing interactive educational and personal development workshops. The program consists of workshops and community service opportunities with RTO and RTO’s signature mentoring program, Instilling Vision in Youth Mentoring AKAdemy (IVY AKAdemy). Each workshop features a presentation on one of the following target areas: Preparing for High School & Beyond, Health, Economic Empowerment, Arts & Culture and Global Impact, in addition to a personal development or team building activity.

Mission Statement - The mission of VINE is to provide positive role models for young women as they begin to develop and to help create a foundation upon which they can build as they grow into young adults.
The West Philadelphia Senior Community Center is a beloved neighborhood hub for adults age 50 and better that offers lively activities for body, mind and spirit through classes, clubs, educational programs, health and wellness services, nutritious meals, transportation assistance and more!

The West Philadelphia Senior Community Center is located at 1016 N. 41st Street, at the corner of Poplar and 41st Street. We invite you to stop by, become a member and discover all the fun our active members are enjoying today!

To join, all you need is identification that shows proof of your residence in Philadelphia and your age. The program is free for seniors over 60, while those age 50 and above are welcome to attend for a small fee.

To learn more about the West Philadelphia Senior Community Center, email Rose Richardson at roser@lcfsinpa.org or call 215-386-0379.

The West Philadelphia Senior Community Center is funded by the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging and the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, and administered by Liberty’s LCFS.
Our Purpose

Providing Choice, Inspiring Empowerment

Our Mission Statement:
Liberty Lutheran faithfully accompanies individuals and families who are facing life-changing situations through an empowering approach that honors their choices and well-being.

Our purpose is to faithfully accompany and empower individuals and families by honoring choices and promoting well-being. We do this through our unique approach to housing, healthcare and wellness services that address every stage of the advancing years.

The full scope of our services includes:

- Independent living apartments and cottages
- Personal care
- Assisted living
- Short-stay rehab
- Skilled nursing care
- In-home care
- Hospice care

Additionally, our faith-based roots call us to compassionately respond to and care for vulnerable individuals - a commitment that we continue to foster through our leadership of LCFS's West Philadelphia Senior Community Center and our mission to rebuild hope and resiliency for those in distress through our Lutheran Congregational Services and Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern PA social ministry organizations.

Liberty Lutheran is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving older adults and their families. Rooted in more than 100 years of history, Liberty Lutheran continues to faithfully live this mission through an empowering approach that strengthens the health and well-being of the people we serve. By offering compassionate care and rewarding experiences, we are committed to improving the lives of our residents, members and clients with outstanding services that honor their choices and lifestyle.

Today, Liberty impacts the health and well-being of more than 10,000 senior adults. We welcome you to discover how we can make a difference in your life or that of a loved one - whether you wish to learn more about our family of services, want to volunteer your time and talent to help us enrich the lives of those we serve or explore how you can help us to sustain our dedicated service to elders and vulnerable individuals through giving opportunities.
Program

Marshall Paul Hughes Mitchell, Host
Pastor, Salem Baptist Church

Welcome
Celeste L. Merriweather, Ph.D., President
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Rho Theta Omega Chapter

Julia Diggs, Program Coordinator
West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

“The Fall of Paris”
Music: Based on the 1700’s Traditional Marching Tune
Music Direction by Sean J. Kennedy
The Rolling Buzzard Brigade
Holiday Memories Virtual Orchestra

“My Favorite Things”
Music: Richard Rodgers; Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II
Arrangement by Roger Emerson
Akabelles: Karima Bouchenafa, Kealy Dangerfield,
Meridel Peterson, Sharritha Thigpen-Prater

“It’s The Most Wonderful Time of the Year”
Music & Lyrics by George Wyle and Edward Pola
Taptastic Brian Davis

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Albert Johnson, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

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Bertha Martin-Nagbe, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center
“Shepherd’s Song at Christmas”  
Written by Langston Hughes  
MacKenzie Williams, IVY AKAdemy

“Sophisticated Lady”  
Composer: Duke Ellington  
Lyrics by Irving Mills and Mitchell Parish  
Combo: Peter Hilliard, Piano/Arranger; Sean J. Kennedy, Percussion; Stephen Kleiman, Guitar; Ryan Kuhns, Bass; Claudia Pellengrini, Violin  
Keith Spencer

Duke Ellington’s “The Nutcracker Suite”  
Music by Duke Ellington  
Lauren EJ Hamilton

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Rosetta Schaffer, Salem Baptist Church Adult Citizens

“This Little Light of Mine”  
Music by Harry Dixon Loes  
Lyrics: Debby Kerner, Ernie Rettino, Clifford Robertson  
Victor and Victoria Simonson

An Excerpt from “Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem”  
Written by Maya Angelou  
Gabrielle Gray, VINE

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Johnnie Young, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

Holiday Memory  
Owen Wooten, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center
PROGRAM (cont.)

“I Could Have Danced All Night”
English/Yiddish
Music by Frederick Loewe, Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner
Rachel Zatcoff

“Santa Baby”
Music & Lyrics by Joan Javits, Tony Springer, Phillip Springer
Amber Iman

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Areatha Dorsey, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

“There’s No Christmas Without You”
Music & Lyrics by Kirk Franklin
John “Sax” Williams

SOLE Defined Quarantine
SOLE Defined

“Somewhere in My Memory/My Christmas Tree Medley”
from Home Alone
Music by John Williams, Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse
Composers: Jack Feldman & Alan Menken
Mandy Dickson and Tim Lillis

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Rosalyn Watson, West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

“Precious Lord”
Music & Lyrics by Thomas A. Dorsey
Music Direction by Carrie Lessene
Intermezzo Choir Ministry

Richard Smallwood Medley
“Silent Night,” “What Child is This,”
“Angels We Have Heard On High,”
“Joy to the World,” “O Come Let Us Adore Him”
Music Arrangement by Richard Smallwood
Victor Simonson, Piano
PROGRAM (cont.)

“Silent Night”  
Composer: Franz Xaver Gruber, Lyrics by Joseph Mohr  
Music Direction & Arrangement by Tamar Greene  
After Midnight Trio:  
Ellisha Marie, Lindsay Roberts & Jalynn Steele

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Kezirah Means Vaughters,  
Rho Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Salem Baptist Church Adult Citizens

“This Christmas”  
Music & Lyrics by Donny Hathaway & Nadine Theresa McKinnor  
Tamar Greene

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Ruben Studdard

“All I Want for Christmas Is You”  
Music & Lyrics by Mariah Carey & Walter Afanasieff  
Ta-Tynisa Wilson

Closing Remarks  
Mattie Kersey, Program Manager  
Philadelphia Corporation For Aging

Finale  
Happy Holiday Montage
KARIMA BOUCHENAF: Karima I. A. Bouchenafa, a native Philadelphian, is a soprano who has studied voice with Sheila D. Booker. She has performed with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's North Atlantic Regional Choir; AKA-Rho Theta Omega Chapter's choir, "The Pearls;" The Links, Incorporated's Eastern Area Choristers; and John Graves Productions' "100 Voices" ensemble. Karima has also been featured in *Genealogy Roadshow* on PBS (2015), and served as an extra in *The Killer Closer* (Glass Entertainment Group 2019), *Higher Grounds Movie* (Engagement Studios), "2Nite" Music Video (Artist/Producer: David P. Stevens/SanctiFly Studios), and *The Illadelphia Glow* (Renaissance Mann Productions).

KEALY DANGERFIELD: Soprano, a native of Philadelphia, has performed with various choral groups, including the Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia and most recently with the JGP 100 Voice Choir. She has worked in music videos, theatrical productions and is a writer and spoken word artist. Kealy is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Theta Omega Chapter.

BRIAN DAVIS: Brian Davis is an Apollo Talent Search Winner who began studying tap dance with Dr. Darrlyn Smith of TTAAPP Central (now NW Tap Connection) in Seattle, WA. After earning a BFA in Dance at University of the Arts in Philadelphia, he went on to star in "Rhythm is Our Business" at New York’s 14th Street Theater. Other theater credits include "My One and Only" Goodspeed Opera House, "Ziegfeld Midnight Frolic" Liberty Theatre (NYC) and Broadway's "After Midnight" onboard the Norwegian Escape. Brian is the proud CEO of Taptastic Network LLC. For more information visit [www.TAPTASTIC.net](http://www.TAPTASTIC.net)  Contact: [info@taptastic.net](mailto:info@taptastic.net)
MANDY DICKSON and TIM LILLIS (husband and wife):

Mandy Dickson has performed in over 22 countries. She has been a soloist with the Singapore Symphony, Toyo Philharmonic, Taiwan’s Evergreen Orchestra and more. A career highlight has been voicing many of Disney’s beloved characters on stage and in concert.

Tim Lillis has performed around the world with artists like Britney Spears, Engelbert Humperdinck and comedy legend Todd Glass, in some of the most prominent venues worldwide, such as the O2 Arena in London, often to crowds of over 20,000.

Tim and Mandy enjoy performing, arranging and recording music together. The couple has released two albums.

Music, including Christmas album, available on Spotify, Apple Music, Youtube Music and more. Youtube Channel

GABRIELLE GRAY: My name is Gabrielle Gray, but I’m affectionately known to most as Gabby. I’m 12 years old in the 6th grade. In my spare time, I love to read, draw anime characters, sing, dance and play with my dog. Some of my extracurricular activities include: VINE (Venturing Into New Endeavors) Mentoring AKAdemy, Girl Scouts Troop 9558 and dancing for Straight to the Pointe Dance Studio. I aspire to have a successful job either in the arts or as a lawyer.

LAUREN EJ HAMILTON: Lauren EJ Hamilton hails from St. Petersburg, Florida. She is the daughter of former business executive and current senior consultant, Lawrence W. Hamilton and former Broadway performer and television/film actress, Karen E. Fraction. Karen started Lauren’s training at the age of two and she spent consecutive summers from the ages of 12 to 21 at Debbie Allen’s Dance Academy, The Ailey School, Broadway Theatre Project, The Performing Arts Project and Broadway Dance Center. During her junior year at Spelman, she was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and maintains an active membership. Lauren is currently in the ensemble of *DIANA: A New Musical* on Broadway, coming soon to Netflix!

INTERMEZZO CHOIR MINISTRY: Formed in 1967 by the late Verolga Nix, the Intermezzo Choir Ministry was comprised of men and women with the desire to sing to the glory of God. The Choir has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe and has recorded and released several albums. Much of the choir’s repertoire consists of Anthems, Patriotic songs and Gospel and Negro Spirituals composed and arranged expressly by their founder, Verolga Nix. The Intermezzo Choir Ministry has opened for Grammy-winning vocal group Take-6 and performed alongside Rev. Wintley Phipps, the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale and Patti LaBelle. In 2015, dedicated choir member and accomplished musician Carrie Lessene was placed as new director and artistic leader. The Intermezzo Choir Ministry continues the rich legacy envisioned over 50 years ago by their founder while serving under new leadership, soaring to new heights in music ministry.

ELLISHA MARIE: Ellisha is a New York native and graduate of The American Musical and Dramatic Academy. Regional credits include "Dotty Moffett" in Caroline or Change, "Church Lady" in the Color Purple, "Oda Mae Brown" in Ghost The Musical and most recently "Medda Larkin" in Newsies at WPPAC! She has played notable characters such as, "Motormouth Maybelle" in Hairspray for RCCL and "Trio/Soloist" in After Midnight on NCL's Escape. "Special thanks to Tamar & Lindsay for this wonderful opportunity.

Love always to my family and friends for the continuous support. To God be the Glory!" www.ellishamarie.com, IG:@ellishamarie
The Cast
(in alphabetical order)

MARSHALL MITCHELL: Pastor of Salem Baptist Church since 2012.

MERIDE PETERSON: Meridel Peterson, mezzo soprano, a native of Philadelphia, is a soloist, ensemble and choir member. She is a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church Mass Choir and AGAPE Praise Team, The Intermezzo Choir Ministry, Sounds of Joy Music Ministry, the Philadelphia Community Mass Choir and The 3 Divas. Appeared in the NEWorks Production/Dale A. Mott/Edgewood “I Have A Right To Vote.” Meridel is a member of the W. Russell Johnson Music Guild, Inc., Philadelphia Branch, Association of Negro Musicians, Inc. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Theta Omega Chapter.

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THE ROLLING BUZZARD BRIGADE:
Almost as soon as the pandemic hit this past spring, Philadelphia-based percussionist Sean J. Kennedy had the idea of recording some rudimental classics with a bunch of friends, virtually. The group was composed of brass players and percussionists from all around the country, which Kennedy called the Rolling Buzzards Brigade as an homage to the musicians who served during the Revolutionary War. The group’s premier performance of “The Downfall of Paris” featured trumpeter Chris Coletti, horn player Tawnee Lynn, trombonist Nitzan Haroz and tuba player David Earll. The drummers included Kennedy, Bernie Dresel, Clayton Cameron, David Lu, Dave Nelson and Chihiro Shibayama. For more information or to contact Sean, please visit www.seanjkennedy.com

THE UNNAMED ONLINE FRENCH HORN PROJECT:
The Unnamed Online French Horn Project is a group of some of North America's finest French Horn players and percussionists, brought together virtually because of the COVID lockdown. Live concerts may have all but stopped, but the music continues! The group has produced 10 videos since March, available on YouTube, and features the arrangements of John Lynsdale-Nock, based in the UK, and is produced by Evan Young from New Jersey. The percussion section features Philadelphia’s own Sean J. Kennedy and David Lu. To watch the videos and inquire about booking opportunities, please visit https://www.youtube.com/c/EJYoungMusic/about or contact Evan directly evanjamesyoung@gmail.com
SOLE Defined: SOLE Defined is the intersection of music, movement and imagination, providing a multifaceted experience promoting an understanding and appreciation for African-American percussive dance forms rooted in the African Diaspora.

Founded in 2011 by Ryan Johnson and Quynn Johnson, SOLE Defined’s mission is to use percussive dance to raise awareness about social and economic issues directly affecting people of color. SOLE Defined uses percussive dance to entertain the masses, educate communities and empower youth.

JALYNN STEELE: Jalynn Steele began singing in church and became involved in theatre in school, starring in shows including The World Goes Round, Songs For A New World and The Wiz, after which she joined the tour of Fosse and toured with them nationally and internationally. She then cruised with shows including Rock of Ages, Burn the Floor, Shout!, After Midnight and her own cabaret. Returning to New York, she led the OffBroadway smash Sistas, The Musical and performed in various regional theaters. Jalynn made her Broadway debut after touring as ‘Sally and Others’ in The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical. Currently she’s teaching virtual classes to the future generations of theatre.
The Cast
(in alphabetical order)

VICTORIA SIMONSON - Victoria is an inspiration to other children who are also budding musicians and artists, as solo violinist and singer. She made her professional debut as Coalhouse Walker III in *Ragtime* at Ford’s Theater in Washington DC in 2017. She also appeared in *Alice in Wonderland* and *Cinderella* at Harmony Hall in Fort Washington in 2016. She danced as a bee in Tchaikovsky’s *Nutcracker* with the Washington Ballet in 2018 and 2019. She is currently in 3rd grade. Her parents are acclaimed musician Victor Simonson and noted speaker, therapist, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated, Rev. Ciara Simonson. She also loves to play with her 5-year old brother, Immanuel Justice Simonson! She is excited and thrilled to share her gifts and talents with the *Holiday Memories* Christmas Concert and the world.


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KEITH SPENCER: Mr. Spencer is a nationally-recognized entertainer and concert artist. National tour highlights include the Broadway Tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s *Music of the Night* with Betty Buckley and Melissa Manchester. Favorite roles include Coalhouse Walker, Jr. (*Ragtime*), Joe (*Showboat*), The Abolitionist (*For the Glory: The Civil War Musical*), Audrey II (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Leading Player (*Pippin*), Billy (*Carousel*). Keith has developed a series of programs celebrating the African-American cultural experience and music performed by renowned African-American artists. This past February, Keith presented his one-man show, *Brothers on Broadway - Celebrating the African-American Leading Men of Broadway*, in partnership with the Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey to record-breaking attendance at the Patriots Theatre at the War Memorial. Contact information: Keithspencer.com

SHARRITHA THIGPEN-PRATER: Mississippi native, Sharritha Thigpen-Prater began classical piano at age 7, was a church pianist by 12, played organ, flute and xylophone. She grew up singing and earned a college choir scholarship. She has been a vocalist, lead/supporting actress and production staff member for productions by Laurel Little Theatre (*Dreamgirls- “Deena”*), Priest Tyaire Productions (*The Wrong Shade of Black and Mrs. Independent*), John Graves Productions (*The No Name Play, The No Name Play 2, JGP’s 100 Voices*), background vocalist on the Live CD “An Evening of Worship,” featuring Stacie Brown of Jireh Productions. She has acted alongside Shirley Murdock, Christopher Williams, Clifton Powell and Dave Hollister. She appeared in the “2Nite” Music Video for Artist/Producer David P. Stevens. She’s the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Rho Theta Omega Chapter’s Music Chairman.
The Cast
(in alphabetical order)

JOHN “SAX” WILLIAMS is a classically trained clarinet player who also plays saxophone, flute, oboe and bassoon. He was educated in the Philadelphia school system and attended the acclaimed Overbrook High School’s Music Magnet Program under the direction of Dr. George Allen. John is a former member of the United States Army Band and Howard University Alumni. He has worked with Charlie Wilson, Mary J. Blige, Phillis Dillard, Stephanie Mills, Marvin Sapp, Raheem Devaughn and Luther Vandross’ group, Change, just to name a few. He is a recording artist, music teacher in Philadelphia and tours eight months out of the year. Instagram: @johnsaxwilliams

MACKENZIE WILLIAMS: MacKenzie is a senior in high school. She loves English and cheering and has been in the IVY AKAdeMY mentorship program for four years.
The Cast
(in alphabetical order)

TA-TYNISA WILSON: Ta-Tynisa Wilson is a professional vocalist/performer from Aurora, Illinois. Millions caught a glimpse of her talent as a Top 24 finalist on Season 10 of American Idol.

Ta-Tynisa considers it a blessing to have graced stages all around the world. Traveling the world as a lead performer with Celebrity Cruises allowed her to share her gift with people from all walks of life. Ta-Tynisa Wilson is currently a part of the Broadway production of Hamilton and cannot wait to see where her future will take her. Ta-Tynisa Wilson is grateful to have such a huge support system in her friends and family; she would not be where she is today if it weren’t for their constant love and encouragement.

RACHEL ZATCOFF: Rachel Zatcoff, Philadelphia native, recently completed a year and a half run Off-Broadway as Tsaytl in Fiddler on the Roof (in Yiddish), directed by Joel Grey. She made her Broadway debut as Christine Daaé in The Phantom of the Opera. She has also performed with the International Tour of West Side Story in the role of Maria. Rachel made her New York City Opera debut in Candide, directed by Hal Prince. She later made her principal debut at the company with the new jazz opera, Dear Erich, in the role of Lili. Other favorite performances include A Little Night Music at Syracuse Opera, The Secret Garden at TUTS and Street Scene at Opera North.

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Thank You!