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Damien Sneed and Friends Celebrate Holiday Classics on Sunday, Dec. 12

“Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey” Includes Gospel, Jazz, and Traditional Holiday Favorites

LONG BEACH, California —The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center rings in the holiday season on Sunday, December 12 with “Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey,” featuring composer and pianist Damien Sneed and a talented cast of vocalists and musicians. This rousing afternoon concert includes Sneed’s original arrangements of “Joy to the World,” “Silent Night,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and many other gospel, jazz, and traditional holiday favorites. “Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey” is the final stop on Damien Sneed’s seven-date “Joy to the World” tour and the first holiday performance on the Carpenter Center’s stage since 2019.

“Holiday shows at the Carpenter Center are a cherished tradition,” says Executive Director Megan Kline Crockett. “This year, I can’t wait for audiences to experience the energy and joy that Damien Sneed brings to this must-see Christmas concert.”

Damien Sneed has worked with legends Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, and Diana Ross, and made his Carpenter Center debut with “We Shall Overcome: A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” during the Center’s 2018-2019 season. “Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey” is Damien Sneed’s first tour in nearly two years, and embodies his mission to bring joy, love, and unity to audiences through the power of music.

Event Details

Damien Sneed: *Joy to the World: A Christmas Musical Journey*

When: Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. / Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at 6200 E. Atherton St. Long Beach, CA 90815

Tickets: \$30, available online at carpenterarts.org.

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Additional ticketing information is available at carpenterarts.org/ticket-office.

Press photos are available at carpenterarts.org/press.

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Attendance Information

Attendees must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination or a recent negative test result. Masks are required. For details, see carpenterarts.org/faq.

About the Carpenter Center

Now celebrating its 26th season, the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the California State University, Long Beach campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,054 patrons. Each season, the Carpenter Center showcases emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, speakers, comedians, and visual artists, as well as other artistic, educational, and cultural experiences that enrich lives, promote lifelong learning in and through the performing arts and serve as a gateway between the university and the greater community.

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