

## **“An Extrordinary New Orleans Cultural Event”**

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The Dillard University Concert Choir Performing at Metropolitan CME Church

On Friday March 15th, 2013, one of America's premiere choral groups, the Dillard University Concert Choir will be performing at 7 pm at the Metropolitan CME Church, located at 8955 South Freeway at Reed Rd. in Houston, Rev. Dr. Bobby R. Best Pastor. The "Met" as it is affectionately known is a contemporary state of the art facility that combines extraordinary beauty, elegant simplicity and a warm sound that makes for a spiritually unique listening experience. This extraordinary New Orleans cultural event is taking place in Houston as the 1st stop of the Choir's 2013 National tour

The Dillard Choir under the direction of Dr. S. Carver Davenport over the last 40 years is an exceptionally well trained and talented University choral group with a long and distinguished history of performing both the traditional music of the Black experience, as well as the classics, folk and popular music of the contemporary era. The musical and artistic elegance of this 40 voice choir will touch the spirit and leave the listener filled with aesthetic admiration and spiritual joy. In their previous Houston appearances, the audience has been mesmerized by the musical artistry and extraordinary vocal talent of this College Choir.

The Choir will perform the music of internationally renowned composer, arranger, director and pianist Moses Hogan as well as traditional spirituals and sacred music. It will also perform a stunning candlelight rendition of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Come Sweet Death"

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Just this past December, the Dillard Choir was granted the honor of performing at the White House during the Christmas Holiday season.

During Katrina, the Dillard campus experienced \$400 Million in damages and is still re-building its student base to the pre Katrina level. The Choir concerts and national tour contribute to the ongoing revitalization by exposing the public to the traditions and heritage of this highly ranked HBCU. Houston has historically provided Dillard with a pool of highly talented student, and has a traditionally active Alumni Association.

Most recently, Dillard chose as its 7th President, Dr. Walter Kimbrough, former President of Philander-Smith University. Dr. Kimbrough is one of America's newly emerging, distinguished scholar-administrators whose vision, accomplishments and rapport with both the younger and older generations promises to continue and expand the Dillard legacy of Excellence and Heritage. He will be speaking to Alumni and supporters at Metropolitan CME Church on Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 pm.

The Houston community is cordially invited to the concert which is free and open to the public. Church Choral groups and Choirs, and College and High School Choirs are especially invited to enjoy this extraordinary musical treat. Donations will be welcomed.

For more information, please contact Metropolitan CME Church at 713-748-5947, [Metrocme@aol.com](mailto:Metrocme@aol.com), or

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