Friday Evening, June 15, 2012, at 7:30

Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY)
IRIS DERKE, Co-Founder and General Director
JONATHAN GRIFFITH, Co-Founder and Artistic Director

presents

Distinguished Concerts Artist Series

What About Us

featuring the

LINCOLN GOSPEL CHOIR AND THE W.A.U. ORCHESTRA
DARCY REESE, Director
ROBERT ROBINSON, Soloist
DARNELL DAVIS, Soloist

In Tribute to Paul Conrad Erickson (1965–2011)

Our Chaotic World

RENÉ CLAUSEN
Prayer (excerpt) dedicated to Mother Teresa
SWINGSATION LADIES

YSAYE BARNWELL
Would You Harbor Me
ISAAC SKALSKY, Reader

The Inception of a Better World

SCOTT RAKOZY
My Inception
(Choir Alumnus)

DARNELL DAVIS
Rescue Me
DAVID ERICKSON, Reader
DARNELL DAVIS, Lead Voice
CHARLEE MATHIEU, Signer

RICHARD SMALLWOOD
Praying for Peace
LEANDRA CRAIGMILE, Soloist

EMMY ROSSUM
Slow Me Down
arr. Kerry Marsh
SWINGSATIONS

THE BLACK EYED PEAS
Where Is The Love?
BRIANNA DREVLOW and JEFF CAPERTON,
ERIKA and CHRIS CARRILLO, JORDE HUTTON and
HUNTER BALMER, Rappers

(Continued)

There will not be an intermission during this performance.

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PROGRAM

DARNELL DAVIS  The Lord Will Make A Way
ROBERT ROBINSON, Soloist

KIRK FRANKLIN  Lean On Me
ENSEMBLE
PAIGE THUNE, MORGAN STOKKE, and LEANDRA CRAIGMILE

MICHAEL JACKSON  Earth Song
JOSH O’CONNELL, PETER SAMUELSOHN, MORGAN STOKKE, and BRENNA SKALLET, Soloists

JOHN P. KEE  Stand!
ROBERT ROBINSON, Soloist

Celebrate Change for a Better World

FRED HAMMOND  Let the Praise Begin
DARNELL DAVIS, Soloist

JOHNNY LANG  I Believe
ROBERT ROBINSON, Soloist

KIRK FRANKLIN  I Smile
GEFFREY FOSTER, Soloist

DARNELL DAVIS  His Mercy Endureth Forever
DARNELL DAVIS, Soloist

DARNELL DAVIS  Change Your Situation
BRIANNA DREVLOW, Reader
DARNELL DAVIS, Soloist

TRADITIONAL GOSPEL  Bless the Lord
DARNELL DAVIS  Awesome God
SANDY HODGES, Soloist

EDWIN HAWKINS  Oh Happy Day
Duet: ROBERT ROBINSON and BRENNA SKALLET

The Battle Is Over

DARNELL DAVIS  Victory Reading
VICTORIA YODER, Reader

DARNELL DAVIS  We Got the Victory

TY TRIBBETT  Victory
ANNETTE HARDY, Soloist

All songs for this show were arranged by Adi Yeshaya and Mark Henderson.
Tonight these young people will present their last performance of “What About Us” of the school year.

In order for the choir to convey the true meaning of this show, they decided amongst themselves to organize philanthropy efforts to gain a sense of what human struggles can look and feel like. They raised over $3,000 for a water filtration system in Haiti, then one of the choir members flew over with another organization to help install the unit. They collected school supplies and medical supplies for children in Monrovia. Various times throughout the winter months they brought their gift of music to the elderly in nursing homes both in the Minneapolis and Thief River Falls areas. Collecting canned food for the local food shelf was yet another good deed, as was taking bags of dog treats to the TRF Humane Society for the homeless puppies. Numerous days they visited the animals and played with them for hours at a time.

All of these acts enabled the choir to add a new and very personal energy to the music. These young people can and will make a difference in their world… What About Us.

Thank you for attending this evening’s show. We truly appreciate the fact that you take time out of your very busy schedules to support us. We would never be able to produce a show of this magnitude without your support. We hope that you enjoy this evening’s performance and will continue to come back for future shows whether they are in Thief River Falls, Minneapolis, or New York City! Thank you to all family, friends, and businesses in the Thief River Falls area that supported us financially with private donations or products from your place of business. In these financially tough times we know that helping other organizations is not always easy. We appreciate each dollar that we receive to support our program. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

This evening’s performance marks our third performance at Jazz at Lincoln Center with DCINY.
Meet the Artists

**Darcy Reese** has just completed her 25th year as director of the Lincoln High School choral program, Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Under her guidance the choir program maintains an average of 200 singers a year, from 9th to 12th grade. Her students have performed in various venues across the United States with their message of peace for a stronger and more united world. Her choir is most noted for their unique and diverse cultural shows that have been performed in New York City, Minneapolis, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. She works very hard to maintain the high level of excellence within the choir by bringing in professional singers and instrumentalists to join in their celebration for a more peaceful and united world.

**Robert Robinson** is reason to believe that the greatest music reaches every name and crosses every boundary. He possesses the ability to sing any song and yet remain true to his vision. At age six he began singing with his family, and by 15 he was directing the choir at his father’s church. In 1990 Mr. Robinson founded the Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir, today heralded by *Minnesota Monthly* magazine as “the state’s most decorated group.” Mr. Robinson has 12 recordings to his credit and reviews continue to pour in. The *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* described him as “a volcanic talent,” and the *Minneapolis Insight News* distinguished him as “a beloved institution,” a nod to both his service to the community and his sterling life’s work. For more information, visit www.robertrobinsonmusic.com.

**Darnell Davis**, also known as “Baby D,” was considered to be one of the best kept secrets in gospel music. In 2002 the secret was unveiled with the release of Verity Recording Artist Excelsior’s single “It’s My Time.” Mr. Davis was instantly noted as the driving force, key writer, and producer behind Excelsior’s 2002 Stellar Award and Excelsior’s 2003 Stellar and Grammy nominations. He has been the key writer and producer for many of the Twin Cities best known gospel artists including James Grear and Company and The Sounds of Blackness. Mr. Davis is also accredited for songs written for Minneapolis Gospel Sounds, Tarrilyn Ramsy, Ann Nesby, and Ricky Dillard.
PROGRAM

Guest Gospel Singers
Robert Robinson
Darnell Davis
Sandy Hodges
Jeence Lee
Val Robinson
Annette Hardy
Beth Yeshaya
Philip Conley

Instrumentalists
Geoffrey Foster, Keyboard
Adi Yeshaya, Keyboard
Michael Baker, Drums
Michael O’Brien, Bass
Cory Wong, Guitar
Dave Jensen, Trumpet
Kathy Jensen, Saxophone
Nathan Bates, Congas

What About Us Dancers
Shunay Reese
Amanda Sturgeon
Ashley Borchardt
Erika Carrillo
Peter Samuelson
Grady Pederson
Hunter Balmer

Lincoln Gospel Choir Members
Brittany Alby
Kourtney Amiot
Sydney Amundson*
Gianna Anderson
Hunter Balmer
Whitney Balmer
Nathan Bates
Taylor Blaine*
Ashley Borchardt
Jeff Caperton*
Christian Carrillo
Erika Carrillo
Yousef Chamma
Leandra Craigmile*
Emalynn Dahl
Ryan Daniels
Bryden Drevlow*
Brett Drevlow*
Broiana Drevlow*
Levi Dyrud*
David Erickson*
Aaron Fagerstrom*
Victoria Felzien
Hayley Fisher
Aaron Flam
Kael Fontaine
Elle Gillespie
Gavin Haats
JC Hanson
Chantel Hockett
Umalee Holecck
Cullen Horien
Sam Huot
Becca Johnson
Brittany Johnson
Logan Johnson
Emily Jones
Lilly Kainz
Ariella Kingbird
Kaylee Koop
Kylie Kraft
Blake Kuznia
Adam Langan*
Marcus Langevin*
Miranda Langevin*
Cody Larson
Alisha Lee*
Kylie Lehrer*
Nathan Lindgren*
Matt Lundeen
Jenna Lunsetter*
Charlee Mathieu
Jacob Mattison
Alisha Mosloff
Katie Mumm*
Josh O’Connell
Kali Ostad
Haley Olson
Hanna Olson
Grady Pederson
Shunay Reese*
Kali Renwick
Nate Ricks
Brianna Safranski
Peter Samuelson
Micah Schneider*
Moriah Schneider
Kirstyn Solchin
Shannis Selenski
Brenna Skallet*
Isaac Skalsky*
Nic Skinner
Morgan Stokke*
Izzie Stromberg
Amanda Sturgeon
Baily Swick
Jessie Thorst
Paige Thune*
Jade Trudeau
Allissa Wagner
Craig Williams
Victoria Yoder
* Vocal Jazz Members

Choir Techs:
Jordan Corneliusen
Crystal Amundson

* Vocal Jazz Members
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