

An impressionistic painting of a forest path. The scene is filled with tall, slender trees whose trunks are rendered in dark, vertical strokes. The ground is a mix of light and dark patches, suggesting sunlight filtering through the canopy. The overall color palette is dominated by warm yellows, oranges, and purples, giving it a dreamlike, ethereal quality. The brushwork is visible and expressive, with a focus on light and shadow rather than fine detail.

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CHELSEA TIPTON II, CONDUCTOR



Entering his sixth season as resident conductor of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, American conductor Chelsea Tipton has won over audiences and critics alike with his musicality, accessibility, versatility and commitment to education outreach. As a sought-after guest conductor, Tipton has appeared with major orchestras in the United States including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops Orchestra, the symphony orchestras of Detroit, Pittsburgh, Houston, Atlanta, New Jersey, San Antonio and Nashville, as well as the Brooklyn, Louisiana and Rochester philharmonic orchestras among others. This season Tipton tours with the acclaimed Sphinx Chamber Orchestra throughout major centers in the United States, culminating in a performance at Carnegie Hall. This will be followed by auspicious re-engagements with the Cleveland Orchestra and the Atlanta Symphony, and his debut with the Baltimore and Colorado symphony orchestras. Recent seasons saw Tipton in guest conduct-

ing engagements with the Cleveland Orchestra, as well as the Houston, Detroit, Atlanta, Pittsburgh and New Jersey symphonies, in addition to his regular Toledo Symphony season appearances that feature a Classics Series, a Pops Series and Family Concerts. Recent highlights included a last minute replacement for Robert Spano to conduct an all-Gershwin season finale with the Brooklyn Philharmonic in 2005. *The New York Times* applauded Tipton for "[leading] sweeping and vibrant performances of *Rhapsody* and *An American in Paris*." During the 2004-2005 season, Tipton guest conducted the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Nashville Symphony, Louisville Philharmonic and Windsor Symphony. In June of 2004, the conductor led the Boston Pops Orchestra in their annual Gospel Night Concert, which the *Boston Globe* called an "impressive debut." Prior to his appointment with the Toledo Symphony, Tipton was associate conductor of the Savannah Symphony Orchestra for four seasons and music director of the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra for three seasons.

CLAYTON PENROSE-WHITMORE, VIOLIN

JUNIOR DIVISION FIRST PLACE LAUREATE IN THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SPHINX COMPETITION, 2008 PRESENTED BY CHASE.



Fifteen-year old violinist Clayton Penrose-Whitmore is the first place Junior Division Laureate in the eleventh annual Sphinx Competition, 2008 presented by Chase. Penrose-Whitmore performs with the Colorado Symphony as part of the Sphinx Professional Development Program. He was a soloist at the Sphinx Orchestra's Gala Concert at Carnegie Hall in September 2007, a performance that *The New York Times* described as a "polished presentation... notable for its lilting pulse and dynamic contrast." He was the Guild Award winner in the 2005 Marie Stillwell Young Artists Competition in Alton, Illinois. He won the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony Concerto Competition in Springfield, Illinois in 2004, and he was the grand prize winner at the Jacksonville Symphony Guild's "Talent

Among Us" competition in 2003. At the age of nine, Penrose-Whitmore made his orchestral solo debut with the Jacksonville Illinois Symphony Orchestra. He has been a soloist with the St. Louis Gateway Festival Orchestra, Illinois Symphony Orchestra, Highland Park Strings and the Alton Symphony Orchestra. He performed in master classes for Leonidas Kavakos, Tai Murray, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Pinchas Zukermann, Pamela Frank, Rachel Barton-Pine and Angela Ahn. He attends the Senior Academy of the Music Institute of Chicago, and is a member of the Chicago Youth Symphony under the direction of Alan Tinkham. He previously played in the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra. Penrose-Whitmore began studying the violin at the age of four, and is a student of Almita and Roland Vamos. He formerly studied with Georgia Hornbacker of Springfield, Illinois. Penrose-Whitmore is a home-schooled high school sophomore living in Evanston, Illinois.

THE SPHINX ORGANIZATION

The Sphinx Organization is the national non-profit arts and youth development organization committed to building diversity in classical music through year-round educational programming and arts presentation. Founded by MacArthur Fellow Aaron P. Dworkin, Sphinx has five main programming areas. The Artist Development program focuses on providing professional opportunities for young artists and encompasses the annual Sphinx Competition for young Black and Latino string players. The Sphinx Presents! program offers professional performance and exposure opportunities for Sphinx artists and ensembles, in addition to the Sphinx Symphony and the Sphinx Chamber Orchestra. The Sphinx Organization's

three main scholarship initiatives include the Sphinx Performance Academy (SPA) at Walnut Hill School which offers intensive summer training to aspiring Black and Latino musicians ages 12-17, Classical Connections which helps teachers implement music education in schools nationwide and the Sphinx Preparatory Music Institute at Wayne State University which provides Detroit area youth with year-long classes in performance, music theory, ear training and music history. Clayton Penrose-Whitmore performs with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra as winner of the 11th annual Sphinx Competition.

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Colorado Symphony Orchestra MLK Tribute Concert and
Dr. Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards.

"Til Victory is won!"

Dear Distinguished Guests:

On behalf of the City and County of Denver, it is with great pleasure and honor that I extend greetings and salute to the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, the Dr. Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards Committee and the MLK Colorado Holiday Commission, for the twentieth-year collaboration that has honored exceptional individuals from all walks of life. On August 28th, 2008 the nation celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the historic March on Washington and Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. His impassioned plea to all citizens for justice and freedom was displayed in the nations vote for change on November 4, 2008. This concert and awards ceremony reminds us of our responsibility to continuously strive to uphold Dr. King's ideals of freedom, equality, and justice for all. Each of tonight's awardees has kept and will keep Dr. King's dream alive.

I would like to extend congratulations to this year's award recipients: Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition Executive Director Christine Donner, former Denver Nugget (foundation founder) and pastor Calvin Natt, Community Church activist and Pastors Leon and Yvonne Emerson, Volunteer Delivery and Distribution Coordinator at Project Angel Heart Russ Nesiba; President and CEO of Colours Television Tracy Jenkins Winchester; Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for Education and Children Maria Guajardo, Ph.D; and this years Lifetime Achievement Award recipients, World community project leaders, Holland and Hart Foundation Founders Sam and Jean Guyton. Each one has made a significant contribution to their fellow citizens encouraging us all to keep Dr. King's dream alive.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Mayor

THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

YOU CAN KILL THE DREAMER, BUT NEVER THE DREAM!



Since 1990, the presentation of the Martin Luther King (MLK) Humanitarian Awards has been an integral part of the city's annual celebration of the life and contributions of slain civil rights hero the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., America's "drum major for peace and justice." The awards are given annually to community members who have "given freely from their hearts to others, given their time, talent and energy to meet unmet needs, stir hope, speak for the voiceless and build a better world, if for just one person at a time." The Colorado Symphony Orchestra has been a proud partner with the MLK Humanitarian Awards Committee to honor the awardees with a concert in Boettcher Concert Hall. Recipients of the MLK Humanitarian Awards help to bring about Dr. King's dream of an equal chance for all persons to build a better life, regardless of their race, gender, religion or disability. This year's honorees are: Christie Donner, Pastors Leon and Yvonne Emerson, Russ Nesiba, Tracy Jenkins Winchester, Calvin Natt, Maria Guajardo, Ph.D and MLK Lifetime Achievement Award recipients Jean and Sam Guyton.

CHRISTIE DONNOR



Christie Donner is the executive director of Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. She formed Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (CCJRC) in 1999. Donner truly understands that the doors of prisons swing both ways and that 95 percent of people in prison will eventually be released. Unfortunately, 65 percent of those individuals will return to prison. She has been fighting mightily and unselfishly for a number of years to better prepare people for life once they are released. She has been a voice of reason and persistence when dialoging with elected officials and the Department of Corrections regarding criminal justice. Over the past years, Donner has worked with community leaders, legislators and policy makers in an effort to develop a collaborative partnership, which evolved into an organization that is now a coalition of 113 organizations and 6,000 individual members. Over the

years she has developed a credible reputation among legislators from both parties and has conducted numerous briefings on the need for sentencing and parole reform. A short list of her many accomplishments include: serving on the oversight committee and as a task force co-chair for Governor Ritter's Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice; working to pass four criminal justice reform bills at the state legislature on drug policy and parole reform that stopped hundreds of people from languishing in prison and created a funding stream for treatment for those with addiction problems; succeeding in getting the City of Denver to make a substantial financial investment in providing community-based re-entry services for people leaving jail and prison; collaborating with members in Fort Collins and Colorado Springs to host a forum entitled, "The Jails are Full—Now What?" She also co-authored and distributed over 16,000 copies of *Parenting from Prison*, a 90-page resource guide.

PASTORS LEON AND YVONNE EMERSON



Pastors Leon and Yvonne Emerson, over their 25 years of ministry and service, have contributed not only to the Christian community but to communities throughout the nation and abroad, they have a passion for outreach. Recently honored by The Denver Institute of Urban Studies and Seminary, both received an honorary Doctorate of

Divinity, recognizing them for their contributions. Pastoring Now Faith Christian Center Church, they have hosted world renowned speakers including Bishop T.D. Jakes, Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton and GRAMMY® award winner Yolanda Adams to name a few. They host a myriad of community based programs including an annual free Thanksgiving dinner for the community and homeless. They also give away Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to families in need. The largest event during the holiday season, this

year's annual Christmas toy giveaway and breakfast saw over 800 kids in attendance. With a zeal for youth, they have an extensive outreach for young people, facilitating free summer reading, food programs and Safe Night, an alternative for Halloween, giving kids and families a safe and Christian environment of fun. They also encourage youth to give back through community service and volunteerism. Pastors Emerson also give away school supplies at the beginning of each school year and free hair cuts for low income families. Annually, they have summer and back to school concerts for community youth and in 2006 and 2007, they gave away two cars to young people who made good grades and were attending college. They also established community step teams, drill teams and a basketball team for youth in the community. Pastors Emerson have a commitment to help each student of their congregation attend college through scholarship assistance. Since 2005, seventeen students received scholarships. Overtime is their Friday fun night, free and open to the public. Youth can enjoy fun games,

activities and food; this serves as an alternative to negative street activity. After seeing street violence in local communities Pastor Leon Emerson created Families Against Violent Acts (FAVA). This outreach program serves as a resource and a place for open dialogue for families who have been affected by street violence. It also serves as a place for healing and mending broken hearts. He also founded Colorado Council for Urban Youth Development, a program designed to help young people understand the importance of economics and wealth building. In addition to their local outreach, Pastors Emerson contributed \$20,000 to an organization for the complete construction of a bakery in Haiti, which helps feed over 1,000 people a day. They played a vital role helping people during American tragedies of 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina. Pastors Leon and Yvonne Emerson seek to continue to give back to their community, serving as beacons of hope, catalysts for change and setting a positive example.

RUSS NESIBA



Russ Nesiba is described by the people who know him as kind, dedicated and selfless. He has served as the delivery and distribution coordinator at Project Angel Heart for over 11 years, as both a volunteer and paid employee. Project Angel Heart is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the health, dignity and self-sufficiency of people living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses by providing nutritious, home-delivered meals with care and compassion. Volunteer drivers deliver 700 meals a week. As delivery and distribution coordinator, Nesiba made sure this process ran smoothly. He has always gone above and beyond his job description to make sure that all the clients of Project Angel Heart are fed, and that all the volunteers feel acknowledged. He also has been a source of support and comfort in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, facilitating a Monday Night Men's Coming Out Being Out group for over a decade, helping over 6,000 attendees during the time. His actions reflect a desire for the betterment of humankind and reflect his own expectations of himself regarding service and kindness towards others. A few ways

that volunteers and co-workers at Project Angel Heart describe Russ include:

"He was the face greeting the majority of our volunteer drivers throughout the years and he had a penchant for remembering details about volunteers lives, recent trips, upcoming surgeries, promotions at work, accomplishments to be congratulated and sorrows to be shouldered."

"Everything I have ever learned about commitment, responsibility, authenticity or following through with agreements, I learned from Russ."

In September 2008, Nesiba suffered a pulmonary embolism and cranial hemorrhage and is now in the care of his family in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Program Director Sandy Nagler explains that "Russ' recent absence has left us dumbfounded and heartbroken, and with a gaping hole in the Project Angel Heart Family. He would never forgive us, however, if he knew that we let our sorrow get in the way of our service to the community. So we keep on, in his honor." Nesiba is an ordinary hero who does not realize the extraordinary impact he has made in the lives of those touched by his work, his spirit and his kindness.



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TRACY JENKINS WINCHESTER



Tracy Jenkins Winchester has given tirelessly and freely from her heart to others. She has a compassion for people, which defines her character. Winchester's passion sets her apart from others because as an attorney, she has the tenacity, drive and determination to speak for the voiceless. In doing so, the world is a better place because she leaves her trademark on the lives of all whom she meets. Winchester is president and CEO of Colours Television. She is a twenty-three year cable television veteran, who has held several executive and management positions in programming and marketing at the corporate headquarters of Jones Intercable, Inc and at the regional office for Fox Family Channel. Colours TV is a multicultural cable and satellite network that is distributed nation-wide. The mission of the network is to bridge the racial divide in this country through positive images of ethnically diverse people. By blending television and community involvement, the purpose of Colours TV personifies what Dr. King

did during his lifetime, bringing people of all races, creeds and colors together. In her work with the Colorado Black Women Endowment Fund, Colorado Black Women For Political Action and the African-American Voter Registration and Information Project, Winchester has been a leader in promoting political and civic engagement in the African-American community and in protecting voter's rights. Winchester has been leading efforts in Colorado to insure that all eligible voters are registered, that voters are informed about issues and the election process, that all registered voters have the opportunity to vote and that state officials and county elected clerks and recorders are held to a high standard in ensuring that votes are counted. Her participation with these groups carries out the voter's rights and the civil rights protections that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders fought for during the civil rights movement of the last century. In protecting these rights, Winchester continues to live the legacy of Dr. King. She is an unsung hero whose time has come to be recognized by her peers for her many contributions to keeping Dr. Martin Luther King's dream alive.

CALVIN NATT



Calvin Natt is a former NBA all-star power forward and Denver Nuggets basketball player. He is the founder of a foundation that helps cover the cost of children's burials. He willingly gives back to the community through this non-profit foundation called AFOORA (All For One-One For All). He uses the money from his basketball career, as well as what he made from the mortuary he opened in 1991, to bury upwards of 60 children whose families cannot afford a burial. "Natt's foundation provides poor families with the type of financial and spiritual support that they couldn't get from a more traditional funeral business," said Mary Row English, a counselor and member of the AFOORA board of directors. According to his nominator, Natt is a coach at the local high school, a Baptist minister and works with the foundation. "The gentle giant" is a reli-

gious man, who is an honest and caring human being with a great sense of humanity. "Natt does a lot of good in our community, and for us that know him: we do not want his work to go unnoticed." His foundation covers all expenses for families who cannot afford to pay for the unexpected cost of a funeral. Often the funeral will cost as much as \$7,000. These families are not only emotionally drained but they often drain their bank accounts. In some cases, families have had to sell their homes, go into foreclosure, or sell their wedding rings in hopes of paying for a funeral for their beloved child. The coverage provided by the foundation can include free funeral services, a casket, embalming or cremation, limousine, flowers and even grief counseling for the parents. Natt truly believes in his mission for the foundation. He is actively encouraging his friends and other players to help him generate more funds for families who need help. We are honored to tell his story and to spread the good news about this "gentle giant."

MARIA GUAJARDO, PH.D.



Dr. Marie Guajardo is the executive director of the Mayor's Office of Education and Children. Focusing on the first two decades of life, the charge of her office is to champion education advancement for children and youth in Denver. Her leadership initiated and launched the Denver Preschool Program, the 5 by 5 Project, after-school programs citywide and summits on

Multiple Pathways to Graduation. She oversees operations from Head Start to providing high school students an even start to post-secondary education. A licensed child psychologist, in 2005 she received a congressional commendation for her contributions to Latino education. The 5 by 5 Project, spearheaded by Guajardo, is one example of her passion for education and providing opportunities for all children. The Project has impacted many families in the City and County of Denver by providing them with five cultural experiences before they reach the age of five. This free program is available to Denver Head Start families who have children under the age of five, and strives to introduce arts, culture and play to

spark imagination and stimulate creativity and learning. This project is one of the creative and important ways that the Mayor's Office for Education and Children is committed to helping Denver children grow up with the strengths, knowledge and skills necessary to become confident and successful residents. Guajardo's work in education is broad-reaching and impacts the many issues and factors which affect the most invisible in our society. Her empathy and understanding of the plight of the marginalized in society has led her to speak out and advocate in a variety of ways. She conducted research in drop-out prevention, which guided her work at the Colorado Department of Education as the Dropout Prevention Coordinator and co-director of the Colorado Preschool Project. In 2008, she co-chaired the Democratic National Committees Education Initiative. Dr. Guajardo is a national spokesperson on topics of education, leadership and the strength of diversity. She is also a published author. She has received several awards for her efforts and work. However, the biggest reward for her work is the children who receive the educational opportunities that they need and deserve in order to grow, flourish and succeed.

JEAN AND SAM GUYTON, MLK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jean and Sam Guyton had a dream. Their dream was and is community building with a goal of creating a better and more inclusive world, even if just one person at a time. Like Dr. King, they knew that this dream would come to fruition not only through their hard work and dedication, but that of many

others as well. Born in Mississippi, Sam was influenced by a father who took him to the county jail every Saturday to give gifts of candy and magazines, as well as caring attention to the inmates. Sam was also involved during the years of struggle for integration in the South. Formerly from Massachusetts, Jean gratefully grew up surrounded by international students brought home by her professor father, and she learned awareness of those less fortunate than herself from her mother, who was present at Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech and who dedicated much of her life to furthering the cause of justice and equality. Together the Guytons have been involved with years of building community through projects in California, Massachusetts and Colorado. Ten years ago, the law firm Holland & Hart, where Sam was an attorney for 28 years, presented a unique opportunity for them to expand the principles of community, social justice and equality and caring for

others. The Guytons created the Holland & Hart Foundation which brought lawyers, staff, families, alumni and clients together by volunteering in their greater communities. To accomplish this, they encouraged people in the firm who were willing to give freely of their time, talent and energy to meet the unmet needs of others. Today, over 1,000 people in 15 offices in eight states volunteer in dozens of varied projects which better the lives of thousands. Each office chooses their own projects and many of them are financed by their own creative fund raising efforts. Some of the Foundation projects include helping an impoverished school district in Mississippi, folding and distributing over 7,000 pocket flags with an encouraging prayer inside for those in the armed forces overseas, rebuilding homes for the elderly poor and disabled, collecting coats for the homeless, providing weekend food backpacks for needy children, building community gardens, distributing Toys for Tots, gleaning farmer's fields for the food banks, collecting school supplies in the fall and annual food drives which this year brought in over eleven thousand pounds of food for the food banks in the cities where the firm has offices. The Guytons are humbled by this award and share it with the hundreds of dedicated people at Holland & Hart who have helped their dream of building community become a reality.

TAMARA BANKS, MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES, MLK HUMANITARIAN AWARDS PRESENTATION



"One Person Can Make A Difference," seems to be Tamara Banks' motto. Banks is currently combining 20 years of journalism and her work as a Mayoral Appointee to evoke positive social change in our community and globally through media and civic engagement. In fact, she recently returned from Sudan where she filmed a documentary on slavery. Banks also hosts

PBS, KBDI-TV's "Studio 12," a provocative hour-long live talk show taking a close look at relevant issues in Denver, Colorado, the nation and the world. She also hosts Denver's Channel 8

"Issues and Options." Banks is a well-known former anchor/reporter at KWGN-TV's WB2 News at 9 in Denver. She has also been a reporter and anchor for ABC affiliates across the country and has freelanced for CNN. A number of journalism organizations including the Associated Press, the Colorado Broadcaster's Association, the National Association of Black Journalists and the Colorado Association of Black Journalists have recognized Banks for her work. She is also a media consultant and trainer, facilitates numerous civic programs and workshops for organizations, neighborhoods and government agencies. Banks is an avid polo player and has traveled to Argentina to play the "Sport of Kings (and Queens)."

EAST HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CHOIR, WILLIAM TAYLOR, CHOIR TEACHER

Established in 1875, East High School is the oldest public school in Denver. East remains a model of a highly mobile but integrated community which allows its students to experience people of different cultures, races and economic backgrounds. As young men and women from many backgrounds come together to study and learn, East High School students grow to view their ethnic and cultural differences with understanding, appreciation and respect. In this way, East prepares its young people to live successfully in a pluralistic world. The East High Honors Choir is one of five choirs offered at East High School. Honor choir is an auditioned mixed ensemble consisting mostly of juniors and seniors. In past years students in Honors Choir have participated in choir tours to Florida,

the Bahamas, California and Hawaii. In 2005 Honors Choir was selected to perform at the Colorado Music Educators Association Conference in Colorado Springs.

William Taylor has been the choir teacher at East High School since 1992. He currently teaches five choirs and an Advanced Placement Music Theory class. In the past Taylor has served on the All-State Choir board and worked to establish the Colorado All State Jazz Choir. Taylor holds a master's degree in music education from the University of Colorado, Boulder and a bachelor's degree from Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado.

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WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand some day;
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

The Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through some day;
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

We are not afraid,
We are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

A portrait of Ed Greene, a man with grey hair, smiling, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. In the background, a symphony orchestra is performing, with musicians playing various instruments like violins, cellos, and brass.

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