



The Sound of the Northwest
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EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!

The Sound of the Northwest is proud to announce the release of their first CD, "Faith." Many of you may say, "Finally," because you know how long we have worked on it. Believe us, it was a labor of love and we hope you will enjoy it as much as we enjoyed recording it for you. In a previous newsletter we told you it was the beginning of a series of six recordings and we can almost guarantee the second CD will not take as long. We have learned a lot about the process and we will take our new-found education and make it work for us. "Faith" is collection of Negro spirituals on the subject of faith. "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel," "Mary Had A Baby," "Walk

Together, Children," and "The Battle of Jericho" are a few of the titles that are included. This compilation will be available on CD (\$15 until July 31, \$17.50 thereafter) and on cassette (\$10) plus shipping and handling.

It is our hope that having listened to *The Sound's* and some not so familiar spirituals, your faith will be enriched. An order form is on another page of this newsletter. We believe our faith (or at minimum our perseverance) has been rewarded. Thank you for your support and patience, we love you.

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"Soul and Inspiration"

In July, 2002, The Sound of the Northwest presented its 15th Anniversary Concert at IIsley Ball Nordstrom Hall at Benaroya Hall. It was a wonderful concert and we shared it with some very special friends; Seattle Peace Chorus, Shades of Praise, Dr. Ysaye Barnwell of Sweet Honey in the Rock, and of course, you, our audience. Juan Huey-Ray, our director, got this "epiphany" in August after the stress of the concert was over and decided we should do a concert every year. So...we are inviting you to join us for our 2003 (no anniversary) concert, July 12.

This year we are featuring the music of Jester Hairston (the soul and inspiration) with a **Sound** salute to Moses Hogan. Many of you attended one of our concerts (October 2000) with guest conductor, Moses Hogan, in a performance of his arrangements and compositions. What a joy (even though he was a tough on us) that was! It is with sadness that we report to some of you that Moses passed away in February due to

complications of a stroke. All passings are tragedies, but he was only 45. He always will live within his music.

Jester is an icon, and was an ambassador in the musical world of the Negro spiritual. He introduced, taught and performed the spiritual all over the world. He was an actor (radio, television, and movies), choral academician, singer, composer, arranger, Hollywood music star, and a pioneer. You will recognize his music when you hear it, but will probably not know he was the force behind it.

This year we are joined by more of our special friends: S.T.A.N.D., CSL Choir of Light and as a special treat, for us and you, Jester's cousin, Jacqueline Butler Hairston. She will conduct the second half of our concert in the arrangements and compositions of the incomparable Jester Hairston. Jackie is an internationally renowned ASCAP composer-arranger and professional pianist. She was the **1998 Composer-in-Residence** for *The Negro Spiritual Foundation* of

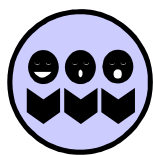
Orlando, Florida. Her Spiritual arrangements, some recently published, are gaining worldwide recognition. In March 2002, internationally renowned singer **Kathleen Battle**, with two New York choral groups, **The Collegiate Chorale and Pro Arte Chorale**, premiered her "Fix Me, Jesus" at Carnegie

Hall in New York. Her accomplishments are too numerous to print in this publication.

Please read the enclosed flyer for further information and we hope to see you there. We can guarantee a tear to the eye, a clap to the hands and joy to the heart!!



Gift! This is the "working" title of our second CD. We hope to preview it at the concert in July. Its theme is **Love** and will be filled with the sounds of Christmas as only spirituals can provide. Wait 'til you hear some of these arrangements. "Hallelujah" will have a whole different connotation. See below a related announcement.



Calling All Singers! If you sing and would like to audition for *The Sound...* please contact us by phone (206 324-2070), through our website, www.thesoundnw.org or e-mail us at thesoundnw@yahoo.com. If you would like to stop by, we rehearse Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 at St. Clement's Episcopal Church at the corner of 32nd Avenue S and Atlantic Avenue S.



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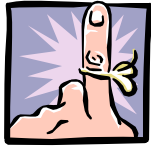
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July 12, 2003 7:00PM

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Illesley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall at Benaroya Hall

♪ Have a wonderful summer ♪



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