



**Songs & Spirituals from the American Experience  
Starring Cheryse McLeod Lewis**

## SELECTED REVIEWS

### CONCERT REVIEWS – Then Sings My Soul

“Cheryse McLeod Lewis was wonderful in all of her presentations. She was very articulate and captured the spirit of our Martin Luther King Day of Celebration and learning very well. Her music in chapel and her presentation on spirituals was outstanding. The evening performance was stellar in artistry, audience connection, and spiritual vitality! We would love to have her come back again in a couple of years”

--- **Dr. Albert Harrison, Department of Music Chair, Taylor University, Upland, IN**

“Cheryse has a world class voice. Her exceptional range and the vibrancy and clarity of her tone are several attributes that make this obvious. However, to me it was her ability to sing well in many different styles and to invite the audience into her songs by sharing her personal connection with each piece that qualifies her as a great performer as well.

Another great attribute that Cheryse demonstrated while she was on our campus was her ability to blend professionalism with a personal and patient demeanor. This was obvious in the way in which she interacted with our Gospel Choir and tech team as we worked through technical and performance issues. She was great to work with.”

--- **Dr. David Diehl, Chair, Department of Music Chair, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN**

“We were very pleased with Cheryse McLeod Lewis’ performance at the Gettysburg Festival. Her performance was wonderful and was well received by the audience. She was a pleasure to work with and was very warm and welcoming to not only the choir who we assembled to sing with her but also to the guests who attended a post-show reception. Hope to have the opportunity to work together again. Thanks!”

--- **Elizabeth Kirby, Executive Director (2012 Gettysburg Festival), Gettysburg, PA**

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## COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/SCHOOL REVIEWS:

### **Fayetteville State University (Fayetteville, NC)**

"A wonderful musician and singer who served as a great example for our students."

--- **Dr. Robert W. Williams – Associate Professor of Music – Fayetteville State University**

"Her kind spirit shines through during her instruction and in her awe-inspiring voice."

--- **Allyssa Hubbard – Music Student – Fayetteville State University**

"Great singer, performer, such a delight just watching her, so beautiful, so talented."

--- **Rina Ullrich – Music Student – Fayetteville State University**

### **North Carolina A&T State University (Greensboro, NC)**

"A wonderful expression of beauty, talent, and purpose...[her] presence was commanding yet inviting...The vocal students of NC A&T really enjoyed the performance and masterclass."

--- **William Trice – Instructor of Voice – NC A&T State University**

"[The] recital, workshop, and masterclass were a very helpful experience for me. I never thought I'd be able to learn so much in just three days...very inspiring and down-to-earth."

--- **Vanessa Ferguson – Voice Performance Major – NC A&T State University**

### **Greensboro Day School (Greensboro, NC)**

"Cheryse is one of the most talented and gracious women I have ever met. Her voice is as warm and expressive as her personality. We are so fortunate that she is willing to share her enormous talent and work ethic with our young students."

--- **Judy McLaughlin – Music Department Chair – Greensboro Day School**

"Cheryse is a talented performer and teacher with a heart of gold. She inspires, uplifts, and compels her students and colleagues by her words and actions. As an educator, Cheryse communicates clearly and effectively in a non-judgmental way. She has a wonderful balance of professionalism and compassion."

--- **Sonny Willis – Lower School Drama Director & Middle/Upper School Choral Director, Greensboro Day School**