



Building Bridges *and* Transforming Lives *through the* Power of Music

Barcelona, Spain | July 3-8, 2023

Spirituals In Spain Festival



Artistic Director
Stacey V. Gibbs
Composer & Conductor

The Setting



Spreading Peace Through Song

In these times of turmoil, tension and discord, music has been a balm for the social ills we encounter daily. A concert with a music mission to unite people appears to be a gateway to understanding and harmony. The medium of music has sustained us through very challenging periods in history as it imitates and mirrors the chronicles of life. Let us cling to hope and choose to positively impact the world through song.

As a special musical gift to the Spanish audience Maestro Stacey V. Gibbs will arrange a new version of “Do Lord Remember Me” sung in Spanish by the Spirituals In Spain Festival Chorus during the gala concert in Barcelona.

Barcelona

If music is your thing, you can hardly find a better place to indulge your passion than Barcelona. From opera, classical concerts and folklore to flamenco or jazz, you’ll find something for every taste. What’s more, the venues are as spectacular as the music itself. The Basilica Santa Maria del Pi, the concert venue for this festival, is located in Barcelona’s emblematic Gothic quarter which stretches between the Rambla de Catalunya and Via Laetana. The fourteenth-century church is named for a pine tree (“pi” in Catalan) that once stood nearby. The large rose window over the entrance, the 54m tall bell tower and the high altar made from alabaster alone are worth a visit as is the surrounding area of Plaza Pi and Plaza Oriol.



The Organizers: Perform International

“Building Bridges and Transforming Lives through the Power of Music”

Boldly informed by the belief that music inherently speaks as an expression of the human spirit beyond borders and in all cultures, Perform International seeks to empower music directors and ensembles to realize meaningful and life-changing immersion experiences and performances around the world.

- We empower music directors, music ensembles and individual musicians to share and grow in their artistic expression and understanding of people and cultures.
- We design and create rewarding performances as well as educational and cultural immersion opportunities by building and maintaining relationships with domestic and international musicians and music education organizations.
- We partner with concert venues, publicity teams, airlines, hotels, and tour guides to plan and implement operational methods that enhance rather than distract from the artistic experience.
- We provide meaningful and life-changing performance tour experiences that are personal, thoughtful, and efficient in the processes of conceptual artistic and educational development.

Faculty



Stacey V. Gibbs

**Composer &
Conductor**

Stacey V. Gibbs is a prolific and highly sought-after composer-arranger. Best known for arrangements of spirituals, he is highly acclaimed for his ability to infuse new energy into familiar pieces without sacrificing their authenticity or power. In the summer of 2015, Gibbs was commissioned to co-compose a piece for the installation of Elwood L. Robinson, Ph.D., as the 13th chancellor of Winston-Salem State University. After several engaging conversations with Chancellor Robinson, Gibbs composed *Holdin' On!* to be performed by the University and Alumni Choirs.

Maestro Gibbs' spirituals have been performed by The United States Air Force Sergeant, The St. Olaf Choir, The Stellenbosch University Choir of South Africa, the Winston-Salem State University Singing Rams, The Wartburg Choir, The University of Southern California (USC) Thornton Chamber Singers, and many other college, university and high school choral ensembles both domestically and internationally. His music has been programmed at all state festivals, National Association of Music Educators (MENC) Festivals, The World Choir Games, and regional and national American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Conventions.

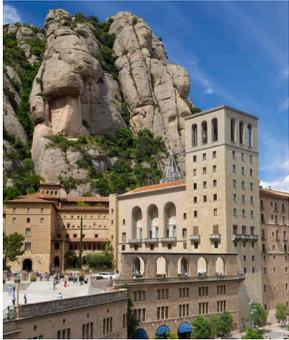
The music of Stacey V. Gibbs is published by Gentry Publications, Pavane Publishing, National Music Publishers, Alliance Music, and Hinshaw Music. His settings may also be found under The Jo-Michael Scheibe Choral Series at Santa Barbara Music Publishers, Colla Voce Music and Walton Music Publishers. He currently has 43 settings published for SATB, SSAA and TTBB ensembles.

The Stacey V. Gibbs Choral Series with Gentry Publications debuted in February 2010, with *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*. It was listed as the "Editor's Choice" in 2010 by J.W. Pepper. *Didn't It Rain: The Spirituals of Stacey V. Gibbs*, recorded by the Sunday Night Singers of California, was released in 2012; and his setting of *Way Over in Beulah Lan'* was performed at the 57th Inaugural Service for President Barack Obama. Recently, the Winston-Salem State University Singing Rams' video of Gibbs' setting of *Rockin' Jerusalem* was the December (2014) and July (2015) featured video for Santa Barbara Music Publishing, Inc.

Great God Almighty was selected for the Texas All State Choir for 2013-2014 and was recently performed by the USC Chamber Singers at The X World Choral Symposium in China. Noted conductor and composer, Z. Randall Stroope selected Gibbs' *Way Over in Beulah Lan'* for the Festival International Chorale in Rome. The setting of *Old Time Religion* and *Ain't Got Time to Die* and the double choir arrangement of *Soon I Will Be Done* were performed at the ACDA National Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2015.

Mr. Gibbs serves as clinician (nationally and internationally) for university, high school, professional, and church choral organizations. He attended Kentucky State University where he served as student conductor. A management professional with 18 years of experience, Mr. Gibbs holds membership in the ACDA and the NANM. Currently, he resides in Detroit, Michigan.





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Tour Itinerary

Monday, July 3, 2023 - Departure USA

The journey to Spain begins by boarding an international flight to Barcelona.

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 - Arrival Barcelona

Upon arrival in Barcelona meet with your Tour Manager. Enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner with participating choirs. Overnight in Barcelona.

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 - Sightseeing & Rehearsals

Breakfast followed by a morning rehearsal with Maestro Gibbs. Afternoon sightseeing including a visit to the La Sagrada Familia in the heart of the city. 2nd rehearsal after dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

Thursday, July 6, 2023 - Montserrat Excursion & Rehearsal

This morning travel to the Benedictine abbey of Montserrat for a guided tour. Also, attend the 11am Mass to listen to the famous Montserrat Boys Choir (subject to the choir's touring schedule). Return to Barcelona for some time at leisure. In the late afternoon take part in the 3rd rehearsal with Stacey V. Gibbs. Overnight in Barcelona.

Friday, July 7, 2023 - Dress Rehearsal & Gala Concert

Enjoy the morning at your leisure. After lunch take part in a dress rehearsal at the concert venue. Enjoy dinner before getting ready for tonight's festive gala concert at the Basilica of Santa Maria del Pi. Overnight Barcelona.

Saturday, July 8, 2023 - Depart Barcelona / Start Post Festival Tour Programs

Begin your journey back to the USA, taking with you lifelong memories of performing in Barcelona or start of post tours by the individual ensembles.

Pre/Post Festival Tour Programs

Optional pre- and post-tours for groups of 20 and more passengers are available including additional individual performance opportunities for balanced ensembles. All of PI's pre/post tours are fully customized to each choir's specific needs. Following are some examples:

Tour B - July 2023

Arrive in Barcelona prior to the start of the Spirituals In Spain Festival and immediately transfer to Valencia. Time permitting, stop at Poblet Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spend two nights in Valencia, Spain's City of Arts and Sciences and enjoy a guided tour of La Lonja de la Seda, the city's ancient merchant center. On the drive back to Barcelona, stop in Tarragona for a visit to the 2nd century Roman amphitheater.

Tour C - July 2023

From Barcelona head west to Madrid, Spain's capital city. En-route stop in Zaragoza to visit La Seo de Zaragoza, the city's majestic cathedral. Enjoy three nights in Madrid including sightseeing tours of the Royal Palace, the world-famous Prado Museum and an excursion to the ancient city of Toledo, located on a hill above the plains of Castilla-La Mancha.