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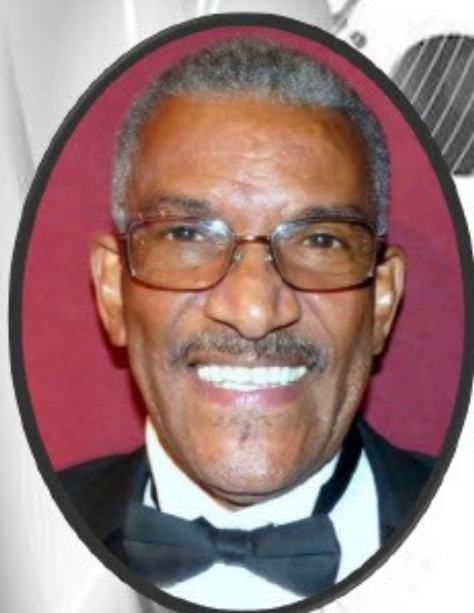


2025

Annual Spring Concert

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00 PM



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South Fulton, GA 30331

Honoring a MACB Founder

Mr. Curtis Byrdsong





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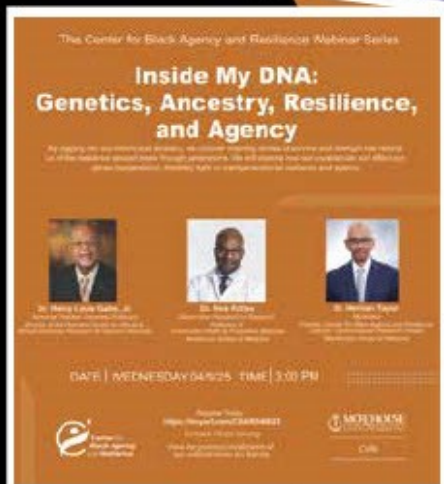
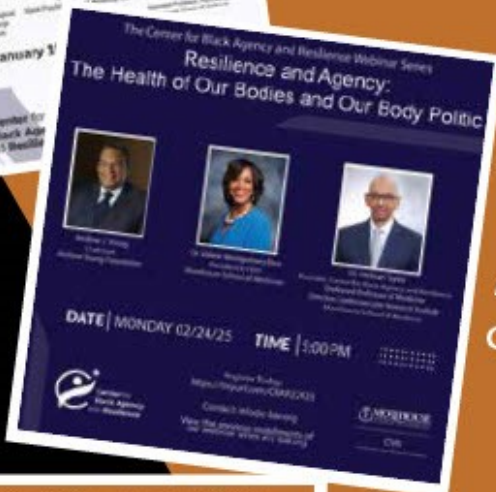
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MACB History



The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band (MACB) was founded in October 1996 with Dr. Alfred D. Wyatt, Sr., renowned music educator with the Atlanta Public Schools, as director and Mr. Curtis Byrdsong, also a longtime Atlanta music educator, as associate director. Rehearsals began in the Benjamin E. Mays High School band room with twenty-five musicians in attendance. Because of widespread interest in a community band based in Southwest Atlanta, membership has tripled since that time.

The band's participants and directors are all volunteers. Band members represent a diverse body of amateur and professional musicians from all walks of life—white collar, blue collar, and retirees.

MACB's debut performances took place in December 1996 at Greenbriar Mall in Southwest Atlanta and South DeKalb Mall in Decatur, Georgia. Since that time, the band has made more than 200 appearances. Probably the most notable were performances at the Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial and the Air Force Memorial in Washington, DC, during Memorial Day weekend of 2015. Other highlights include:

- Alpha Kappa Alpha international convention
- Festival of Trees, Georgia World Congress Center
- Atlanta City Hall lunchtime concert
- Joint performance with the 116th Army National Guard Band
- Atlanta Summer Concerts in the Park series
- East Point Fourth of July celebration
- Joint performances with the Wendell Whalum Community Chorus
- Annual Christmas and spring concerts at Southwest Arts Center and other venues

Before Dr. Wyatt retired from MACB in 2018, he and Mr. Byrdsong chose two additional associate directors: Vanable Moody, retired band director at Frederick Douglass High School, and Allen Ward Jr., retired Atlanta Public Schools band director and retired administrator with Cobb County Schools. Dr. Wyatt passed away in 2023, and Mr. Byrdsong retired from the band in 2024, leaving MACB under the batons of Mr. Moody and Mr. Ward.



From the beginning of MACB, performances have been free, and they will remain free until MACB no longer exists. However, donations are accepted for the band scholarship program. MACB believes in the value of music education and, therefore, strongly advocates for music education in schools. The band also awards college scholarships to musically talented, graduating high school seniors who have been accepted to a college or university.

Throughout its history, MACB has made a unique musical and cultural contribution to Southwest Atlanta and South Fulton County, as well as to the entire metropolitan area and the state of Georgia.

Honoring Mr. Curtis Byrdsong:



A Visionary Music Director



MACB proudly honors one of its founders, **Mr. Curtis Byrdsong**, a visionary music educator and leader. As MACB's principal associate director, he played a pivotal role in shaping the organization before passing the baton to Mr. Moody and Mr. Ward.

A distinguished alumnus of Clark College, Mr. Byrdsong earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education. He furthered his education at the University of Georgia, where he received his Master of Music Education degree and certification in Instructional Supervision.

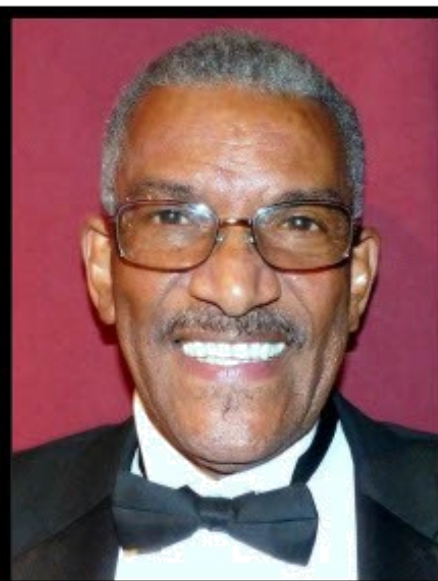
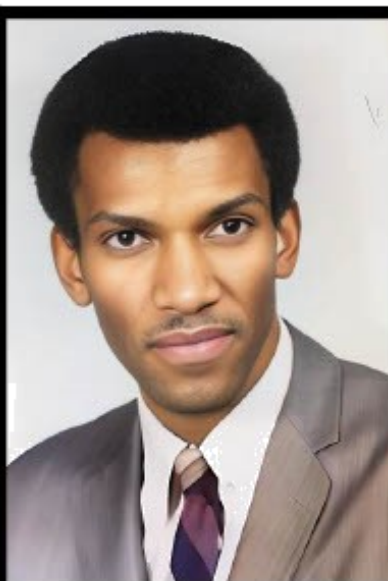
Mr. Byrdsong's illustrious teaching career spanned several decades, with notable positions in the Henry County school system and Atlanta Public Schools. He directed bands at West Side High School and Smith High School, earning numerous music awards, including Teacher of the Year and Star Teacher (twice). His dedication and expertise led to his promotion as Music Resource Teacher/Curriculum Specialist and eventually Music Coordinator for the entire Atlanta school system, a position he held until his retirement in 1996.

As a devoted family man, Mr. Byrdsong is proud of his one son and three daughters. They are **Brinson Byrdsong**, a retired Marine Corps Captain who currently works in city planning in Virginia; **Adrienne Byrdsong**, a trailblazing Air Force veteran and Commercial Real Estate Attorney who was the first African American woman to graduate and receive a commission from the Air Force Academy; **Latosha Edwards**, a financial services professional with over 25 years of experience who recently retired; and **Tara Byrdsong**, a music educator and flautist with a Master of Music in Flute Performance, who teaches music in Cobb County.

Throughout his career, Mr. Byrdsong has been an active member of various professional organizations, including the Music Educators National Conference, Georgia Music Educators Association, Phi Beta Mu (National Band Masters Fraternity), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and the National Education Association.

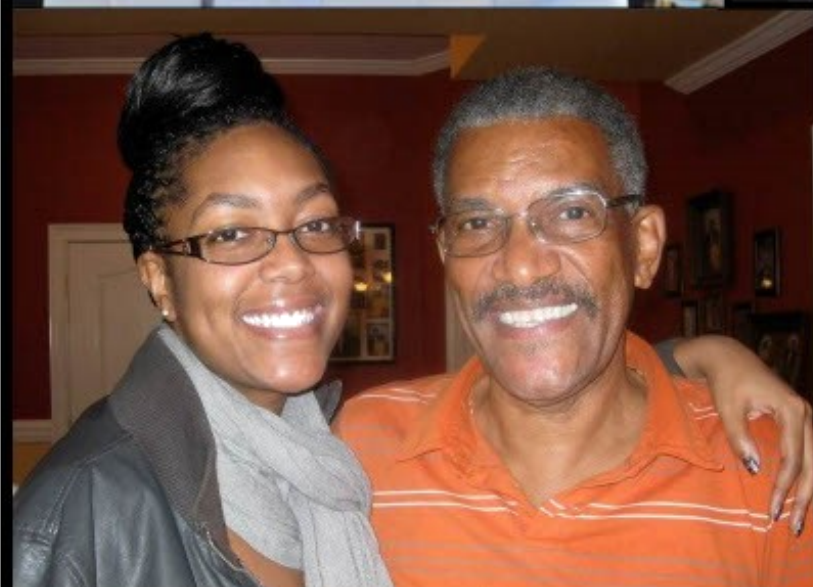
As a talented musician, Mr. Byrdsong played bass clarinet with MACB and arranged and wrote several works for the band during his tenure. Most notable were compositions titled "Chasing the Storm" and "March." He also arranged the following for concert band: "Fantasy on a Hymn Tune," "Fragments on America," "In His Care-O," "Misty," "Ride the Morning Winds," and "You'll Never Walk Alone." Mr. Byrdsong provided almost three decades of inspirational leadership and unwavering dedication to MACB and the community – a legacy that will undoubtedly inspire those that will follow him.

"Our numerous road trips, whether exploring his hometown of Lithonia or embarking on a cross-country adventure to Missouri, have not only created lifelong memories but also deepened our bond. Simply put, he's been an exceptional dad, and I feel grateful for his enduring presence in my life." ~ Tara Byrdsong



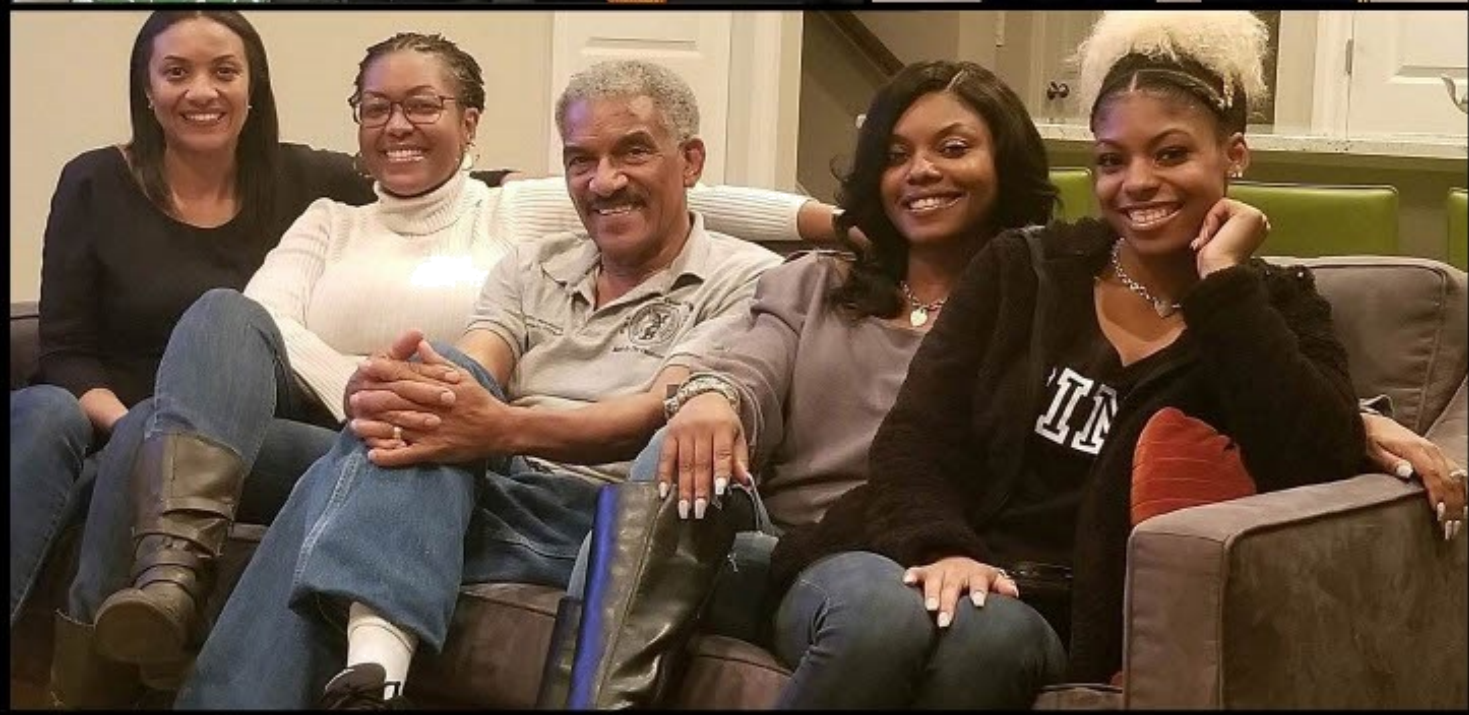
"My father inspired me by watching his impact on people's lives by utilizing music to help them obtain their dreams and goals." ~ Brinson L. Byrdsong





"My father always pushed us toward excellence in music, school, and life in general. He spent a lot of time giving to family, friends, and students throughout his career which made it important for me to do the same." ~ Adrienne Byrdsong

"My father has always been an inspiration to me as well as many in the community. Every moment with him growing up was a teachable moment. Education has always been at the forefront. He is a mentor to many, and the knowledge that he has shared with me over the years has been invaluable." ~ Latosha Edwards



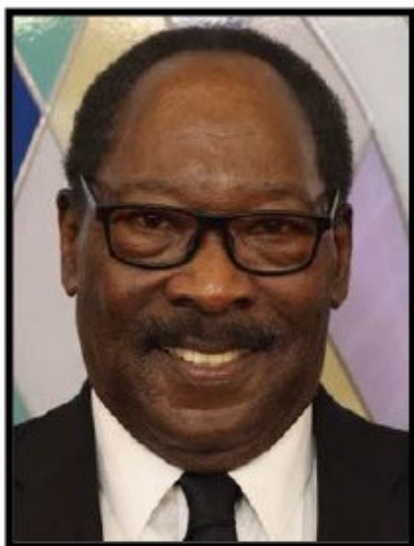
Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band (MACB)

Directors



Mr. Vanable H. Moody, Sr., MACB associate director, was named director of bands at Atlanta's Frederick Douglass High School when it was established in 1968, and he was a mainstay of the school's music program for the next 41 years, until his retirement. He organized and developed the school's band program—down to designing the band uniforms and writing the school song. At Douglass, Mr. Moody achieved Teacher of the Year and was named an 11Alive "Teaching Excellence" Class Act Winner. He is a member of the Music Educators National Conference and the Georgia Association of Educators. Before going to Douglass, he played alto sax with the 36th Army Band at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he arranged and composed music for the jazz band.

Mr. Moody earned his master's degree at VanderCook College of Music and undergraduate degree in music at Clark College. He plays alto sax when not conducting and was instrumental in shaping and improving MACB's alto and tenor sax sections.



Mr. Allen Ward, Jr., MACB associate director, served as Director of Bands at Atlanta's Booker T. Washington (BTW) High School for 18 years where his bands received superior ratings in marching and concert band activities. Under his leadership, BTW bands performed four Atlanta Falcons half-time shows and special performances for the Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Braves. The BTW marching band represented Atlanta as the Official Coca-Cola Band during the Coca-Cola Centennial Celebration held in Atlanta. Mr. Ward's jazz band was the first high school band to perform at the Atlanta Jazz Festival at Piedmont Park. During Mr. Ward's tenure, BTW marching bands won the Governor's Award and Most Outstanding Band Award in WSB-TV's Salute to America parades. His marching bands can also be seen in Spike Lee's

"School Daze" movie as well as a McDonald's Arch Deluxe commercial. Mr. Ward has received the Certificate of Merit from Atlanta mayors Andrew Young and Bill Campbell for musical contributions to the City of Atlanta.

Classically trained as a trumpeter, Mr. Ward now plays exclusively the euphonium with MACB. Mr. Ward is a member of the National Association of Music Education, Georgia Music Educators Association, National Band Association, Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, the Minority Band Directors Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He received his bachelor's degree (BA) in music from Clark College, master's degree (MM) in music from Georgia State University, and educational specialist degree (EdS) from Jacksonville State University.



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PROGRAM

Aces of the Air

Karl L. King/Arr. J. Swearingen

Fanfare to the Stars

Chandler L. Wilson

A Nation's Prayer

Warren/Steffe/Arr. J.D. Ployhar

Kentucky—1800

Clare Grundman

Clarinet Candy

Leroy Anderson

******Presentations******

Musical Selection

Flute Nation Ensemble

You'll Never Walk Alone

Rodgers/Hammerstein/Arr. C. Byrdsong

Henry Porter, Tenor

A Night in Tunisia

Gillespie/Paparelli/Arr. P Murtha

Day-O

Burgie/Attaway/Arr. M. Myokoin

Genius of Ray Charles

Arr. M. Brown

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Arr. J. Higgins

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Band Personnel 2023-2024

FLUTE/PICCOLO

Amber Easley
Anthony Neal
Bertha Hightower-Smith
Brenda Heard
Diane Hawkins-Cox
Hardy Scott
John Conner
Mary Rosemond
Mary Williams
Ramona Jones
Valerie Gribble
Wynetta McNeill

Bb CLARINET

Aaron Pressley
Chasity Daniels
Dyann Ryans
Herman Taylor Jr
Jacqueline Keeton
Kofo Lasaki
Latunia Alexander
Phillip Davis Sr.*
Ray McKiver

Bb BASS CLARINET

Rose Ingram-Bivens

BASSOON

Carla D. Oglesby

Eb ALTO SAXOPHONE

Anton Hughes
Deana Smith
Kenneth Pack
Tiffany McDonald
Vanable Moody - Director

Bb TENOR SAXOPHONE

Darryl Tookes
Debra Stephens
Gina Higgs
Grady Parks
William Brown
Yolanda Gay

Eb BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Gerald Holland

Bb TRUMPET

Anthony Walton
Bernard Gray
Bobbiedee Blasingame
Colin Warner
David Jones
Eugene Miller
George Davis*
George Tripp
Gus Roberson*
Henry Porter - Vocalist
Isabella Tyre
Joseph Robinson Jr*
Lamar Lyons
LaSandra McGhee
Samuel Smith Sr.*
Sergio Chavira

FRENCH HORN

Curtis Mullens
David Byrd
Gerald Spann Sr
Kari Estes
Michael Franklin*
Xavier Ewing

TROMBONE

Christopher Hill
D'Andre Flint
Dexter Neely
Harold Smith Jr
Phillip Frady Jr
Stanley Brown

Bb BARITONE HORN

Allen Johnson
Allen Ward Jr. - Director
Mark Gladfelter

TUBA

Darren Williams
Edward Dumas
Ernest Hale II
James Debro III
Ronald Ellis

STRING BASS

Destin Hayes

PERCUSSION

Benjamin Strickland - Vocalist
Germanise Shack
Nyetta Sanders-Cross
Phyllis McLaughlin
Richard King
Rodney Allen Sr.
Tiffany King
Virginia Parks*
Willie Murray

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Retired Band Director, APS

MACB Student Participation Program

Empowering the Next Generation of Musicians

The MACB Student Participation Program (SPP) offers talented young musicians a unique opportunity to learn from accomplished professionals and gain valuable performance experience. Selected students who meet the program's criteria rehearse and perform alongside adult musicians, developing their skills and confidence.

Current MACB SPP Students:

- **Sergio Chavira** / Trumpet – Congratulations to Sergio on completing the program! Sergio is currently a senior at Cross Keys High School located in Brookhaven, Georgia. He will receive a MACB scholarship upon acceptance into an institution of higher learning.
- **Xavier Ewing** / French Horn – Xavier entered the program in 2025 and is currently a junior at New Manchester High School in Douglasville, Georgia.

MACB's Past Scholarship Recipients

1997 LaToya Lee	BA, Clark Atlanta University/MMED, Tennessee State University
2003 Tara Byrdsong	BA, Converse College/MMED, University of Missouri-Kansas City
2004 Marcus Brokenbaugh	Georgia State University
2005 Deniscia Scott	BA, Savannah State University/MA, Full Sail University
2007 Dennard Delk	South Carolina State University
2007 Brandon Hagee	Florida A&M University
2008 Darryl Mathis	Fort Valley State University
2008 Amelia Woodruff	Howard University
2008 Amber Jones	Savannah State University
2009 Jamil Taylor	Clayton State University
2010 Aaron Pressley	South Carolina State University
2010 Ariel Sesay	University of West Georgia
2011 Aaron Perry	Bethune-Cookman University
2012 Solomon Nelson	University of West Georgia
2013 Erin Hill	Georgia Perimeter College
2013 Marlon Moody	Mercer University
2015 Benjamin Oglesby	Oberlin College and Conservatory
2017 Ryan Gallagher	Texas Southern University
2018 Bernard Wright, Jr	Georgia State University
2018 Ireland McBride	University of West Georgia
2019 Lucas Moss	Georgia State University
2023 Connor Lannamon	Georgetown University

Congratulations to the
Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band

and **Dr. Darryl Tookes** and the
Saxophone Section for another incredible
year of bringing outstanding music to our
community!



I'm also thrilled to honor
Mr. Curtis Byrdsong
for his nearly three decades of dedicated
service and leadership to MACB and the
community. Your passion and commitment to
music have touched countless lives. Thank
you for your tireless efforts.

Venus Tookes

**CONGRATULATIONS
To
THE METROPOLITAN ATLANTA COMMUNITY BAND
For
28 YEARS OF MUSICAL EXCELLENCE
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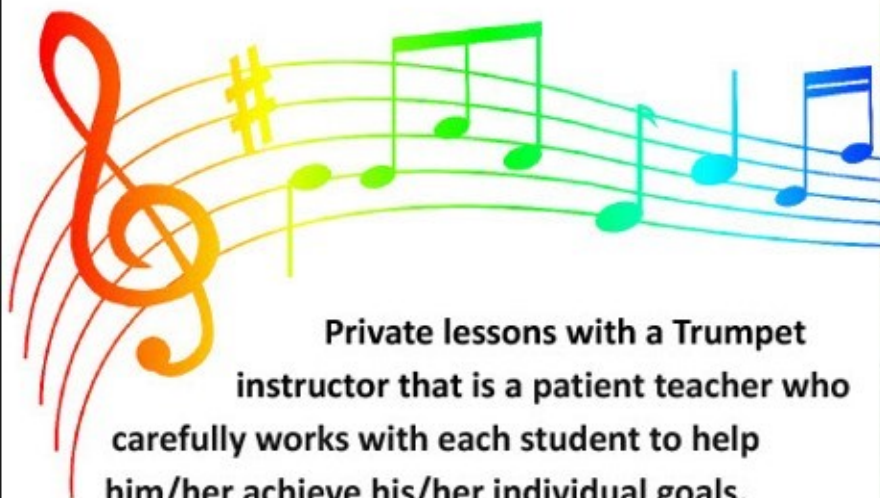


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*We salute **Mr. Curtis Byrdson**,
Visionary Co-founder of
The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band,
for his remarkable contributions to the band's
28-year journey – a testament to his passion for
music, community, and artistic excellence.*



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French Horn Section

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leaving an indelible mark on the metro
Atlanta community

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Honors the legacy of **Mr. Curtis Byrdsong**, a founding member of The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band, whose dedication to music and community service has made a lasting impact on Atlanta for nearly three decades.



**First of All
Servants of All
We Shall Transcend All**

Band Members

**Curtis Byrdsong
Ira T. Brown
Stanley P. Brown
Leon J. Daugherty**

**Phillip N. Davis, Sr.
D'Andre Flint
Gus A. Roberson
Harold Smith**

**Herman Taylor
George Tripp
Benjamin S. Strickland
Allen Ward, Jr.**

The Murray Family
extends heartfelt congratulations to

Willie E. Murray
and
The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band

for their remarkable musical achievements and outstanding
community service.



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Congratulations
Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band
Providing Cultural Enrichment To Our Community
1996-2025
Annual Spring Concert
April 26, 2025



Clarinet Section

Rose Ingram- Bivens

Aaron Pressley

Kofo Lasaki

Phillip Davis, Sr.

Chasity Daniels

Ray McKiver

(Not Pictured)

Herman Taylor, Jr.

Jacqueline Keeton

Latunia Alexander

Dyann Ryans



Celebrates
Mr. Curtis Byrdsong
and the
Metropolitan Atlanta Community
Band
2025 Spring Concert!



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Entrepreneur!***



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***Congratulations to
David Byrd
and the
Metropolitan Atlanta
Community
Band!***



***From the Emory Wind Ensemble in 1975 to
the Clark College Jazz Ensemble to the Metro
Atlanta Community Band - 50 years of
dedicated teaching and performing and an
outstanding legacy!***

-Michelle & Anthony Fielder (Nupe-in-Law)



David Byrd-Marow



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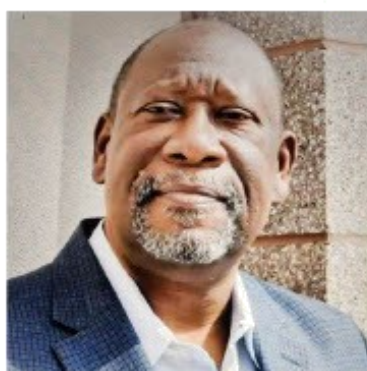
In Everlasting Memory of our Musical Brothers who have gone before us, The KAPPA BETA Chapter extends our deepest gratitude for their contributions to
The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band



Cleophus Johnson



John King

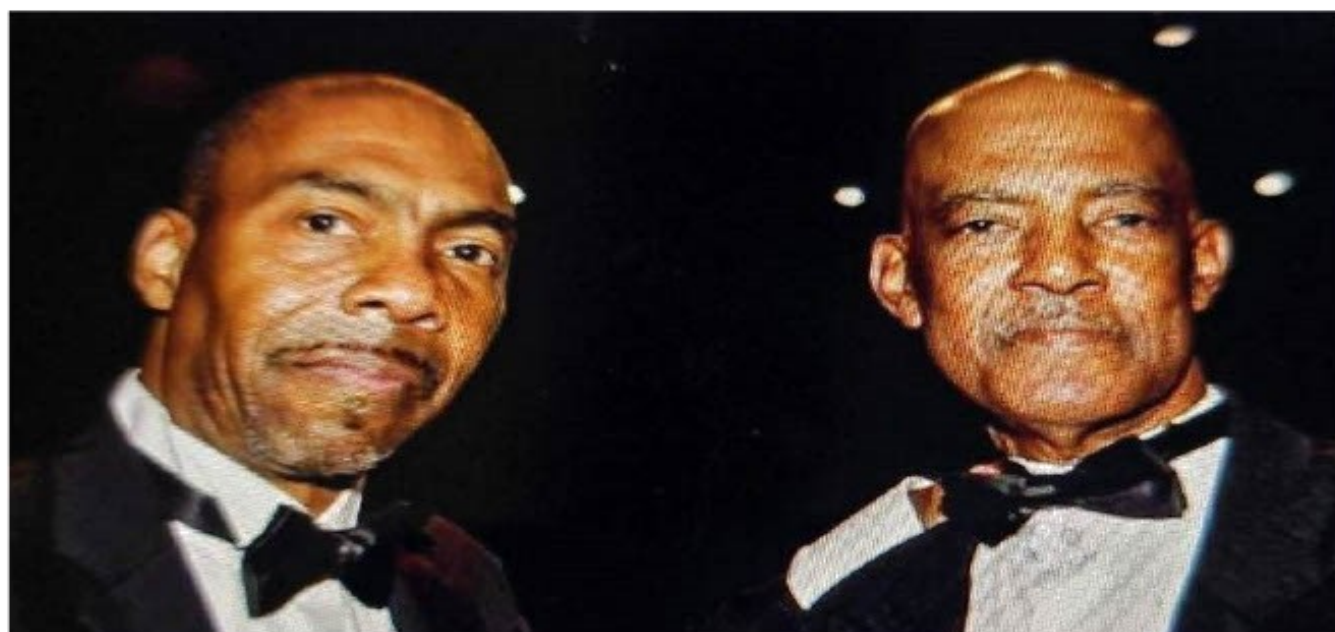


Oscar Rosser



Moses Hickey

ALL HAIL . . . to our current Brothers:
Brother Rodney Allen, Sr.; Brother Willie E. Murray; and
The Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band
for their **EXCELLENCY IN MUSIC.**





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CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday church school. 9:00 am

Sunday worship. 10:00 am

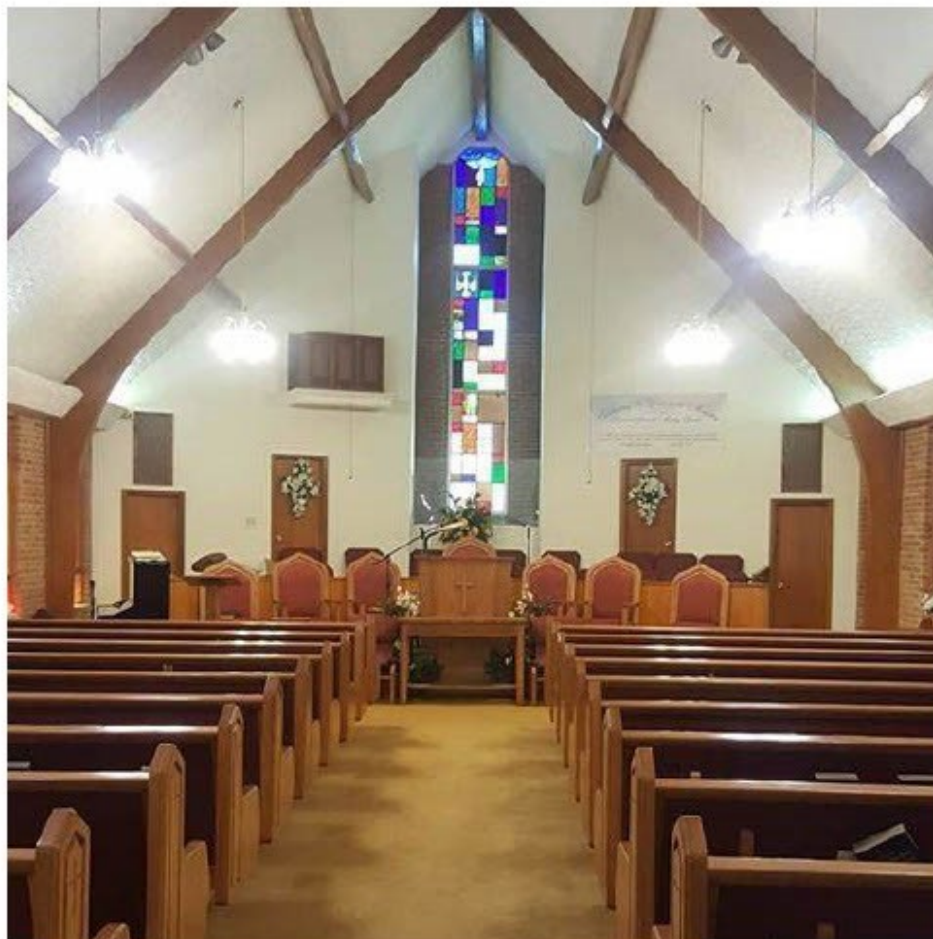
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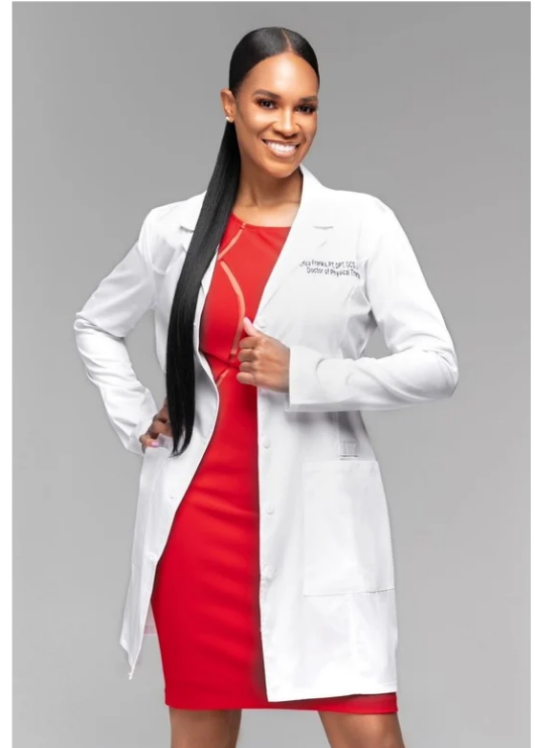
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Debra Stephens
MACB Saxophonist



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MACB Trumpeters

Congratulations to
MACB
and to
Gus Roberson
1st Trumpet 2025



~ Dianne, Angela, Aretha, and Amanda



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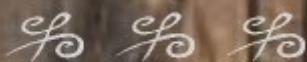
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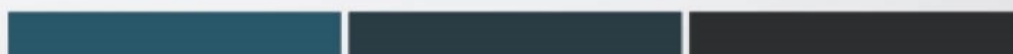
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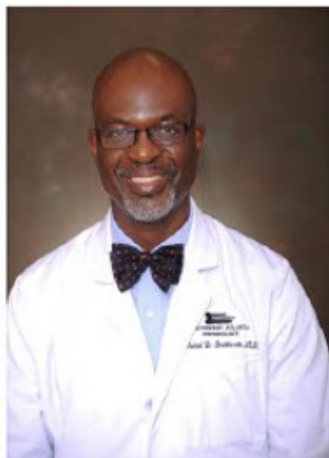
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(Top, left to right)

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(Bottom)

Destin Hayes



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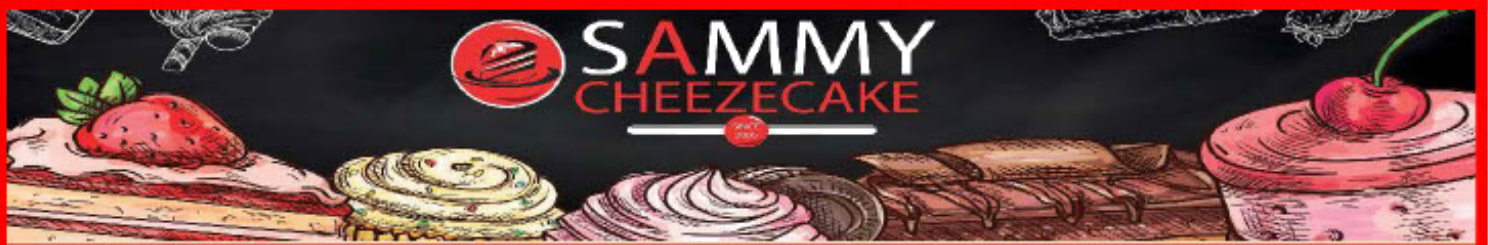
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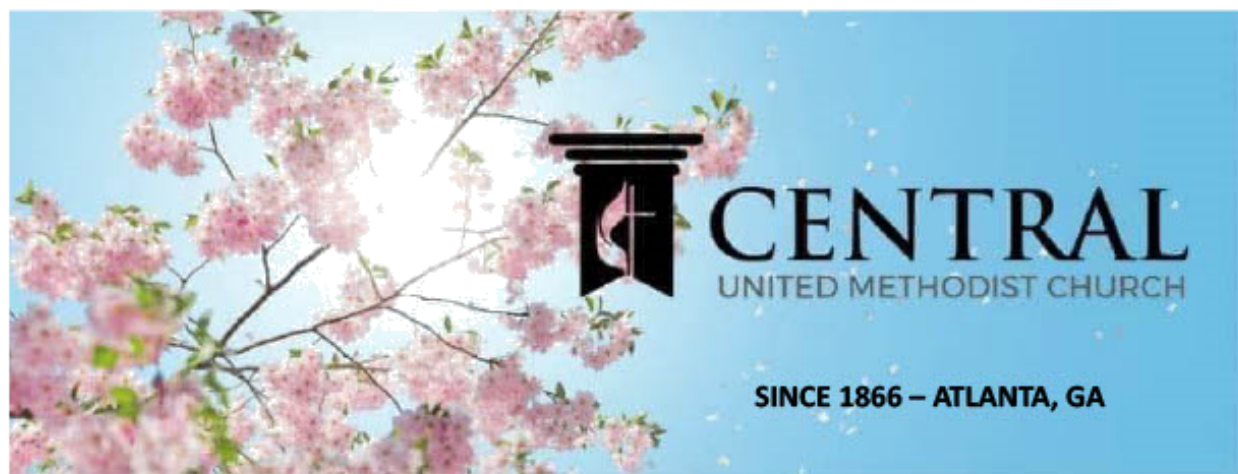


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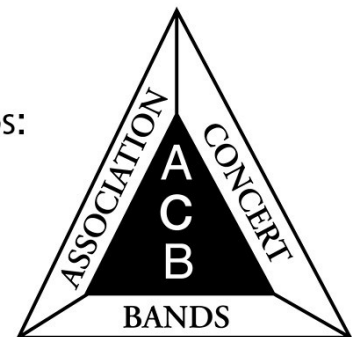
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