# JULIUS P. WILLIAMS

#### CONDUCTOR AND COMPOSER

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## **CONDUCTING EXPERIENCE (Orchestra) (partial list)**

Trilogy Opera Company-Resident Conductor presently 2011-Longar Ebony Orchestra-Principal Conductor- Alice Tully Hall 2009- present Moscow Conservatory Symphony Orchestra-Guest Conductor, Moscow Russia, May 2010 Kalistos Orchestra -Guest conductor 2011,2012, Boston Ma

Washington Symphony Orchestra~Conductor Laureate (Music Director)2002-2008 Washington Symphony Orchestra-Music Director 99- 2002 Washington Symphony Orchestra-Acting Music Director Artistic Advisor 1998-99

Prague Radio Orchestra-Guest Conductor Recording Orchestra, Czech Republic November 1997-2011

Paducah Symphony Orchestra (Kentucky)-Guest Conductor, Pops Concert -May 2009

Akron Symphony Orchestra~Guest conductor January 2005, January 2006

Norwalk Symphony Orchestra-Guest Conductor Young Peoples Concerts-February 11,1998

Washington Symphony Orchestra-Guest Conductor Symphony With the Divas Concert-September 9, 1997

Sacramento Symphony - Guest Conductor January 15, 16, 1995 / January 14, 1996

Hartford Symphony - Guest Conductor June 4, 1994

Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic - Guest Conductor June 1993 (recording for Albany Records) Czech Republic

Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra - Guest Conductor December 1991

Brno State Philharmonic - Guest Conductor Czechoslovakia, July 1991

Knoxville Chamber Symphony - Guest Conductor October 1990

Vojvodanska Philharmonic - Guest Conductor Tour Serbia, Croatia, April 1990- May Wooster Symphony - Guest Conductor Wooster Ohio, February 1990

Dubrovnik Symphony - Guest Conductor Yugoslavia, August 16, 1989

Vermont Philharmonic - Guest Conductor Barre, Vermont, February 1990

Vermont Symphony - Guest Conductor Burlington, Vermont, May 6, 1989

Brooklyn Philharmonic - Assistant Conductor Beethoven Ninth, Carnegie Hall, New York, Lukas Foss Conductor, March 1989

Symphony Saint Paulia - Principal Orchestral Conductor Carnegie Hall, Brooklyn Academy, New York, January 1989

Oklahoma City Philharmonic - Guest Conductor Langston University Chorus, December 1989

American Symphony Orchestra - Assistant Conductor
"Missa Solemnis", Lukas Foss conductor, Carnegie Hall, New York, May 1988

New Haven Symphony - Guest Conductor May 1987

Amor Artist Chamber Orchestra - Guest Conductor Alice Tully New York, May 1987

Savannah Symphony Orchestra - Guest Conductor January 1987

Nutmeg Ballet - Conductor/Composer in Residence Torrington, Connecticut, 1986 to 1988

Connecticut Opera Association - Guest Conductor June to August 1984

#### PRESENT POSITION

Professor (full time)- Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA Fall 1998- Adjunct faculty Ensemble department, Composition, Conducting, Theory, Coordinator of the Berklee International Composers Institute, Audition and Interview staff, Conductor of the Great American Songbook Orchestra, Kalistos Orchestra

Resident Conductor Trilogy Opera Company, New Jersey

## ADMINISTRATIVE/ARTISTIC

Trilogy Opera Company-Resident Conductor 2011-

Laureate Music Director- Washington Symphony Orchestra 2002-2008

Conductors Guild-Board of Directors 2011-

Music Director- Washington Symphony Orchestra, DC 1999-2002

Acting Music Director/ Artistic Advisor- Washington Symphony Orchestra, DC 1998-99

Artistic Advisory Committee- Queens Symphony Orchestra, New York 1997-2001

Education Consultant- Norwalk Symphony Orchestra, 1997-1998

National Endowment For The Arts (N.EA) - Advisory Panel On-Site Reporter (Opera, Music/Theatre)

Artistic Director - School of Choral Studies, 1988 - 1995 New York State Summer School of the Arts,

Saratoga Performing Arts Center

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR (FULL TIME)-BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC 1998-PRESENT Conductor Great American Songbook Orchestra, Composition, Conducting, Theory, Orchestration

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR -Berklee College of Music, Boston, MA 1995- 1998

AFFILIATE ARTIST TEACHER (COMPOSITION) - PURCHASE COLLEGE, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK 1995-2000

VISITING CONDUCTOR OF ORCHESTRA - Skidmore College, Saratoga, New York January - May 1995

VISITING ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR - January to May 1993 Shenandoah University and Conservatory in Virginian"Jessie Ball Dupont Visiting Scholar" Awarded to a Distinguished Eminent Scholar

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR/ARTIST IN RESIDENCE (Visiting) - May 1988 to July 1990

University of Vermont: Acting Music Director University of Vermont Orchestra, Composition, Arranging, Conducting, MusicListening, and Theory

VISITING PROFESSOR/ARTIST IN RESIDENCE- January 1988 to May 1988 University of Vermont: Composition, Improvisation, Music Listening, Lectures, Orchestral Conducting

LECTURER- Summer 1989

Central Connecticut State University, Connecticut: Composition

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - February 1986

Hicksville Public Schools, Hicksville, New York: Composition, Theory, History, Conductor, Performance Lectures

ASSOCIATE (Teaching) - 1980 to 1985

Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford, Connecticut: Composition, Piano Conducting, Theory and Conductor of the Repertory Community Orchestra, (1982 - 1984)

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - 1980 to 1986

Artist Collective, Hartford, Connecticut: Vocal Music, Piano, and Ensembles

VISITING FELLOW - 1980 to 1982

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut: Vocal Music, Piano, and Ensembles

LECTURER -Summer faculty - July 1982

Peabody Conservatory of Music "Black Music as an Educational Aid in the Classroom", Baltimore, MD

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RESIDENCIES

April 2012 Adjudicator, Minnesota arts

November 2010-African American Composers, Shorter College, GA

September 2010-Keynote Speaker, Herbert H. Lehman College(CUNY), Convocation, 2010

August 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 Panelist /Reader Challenge America Fast Track National Endowment for the Arts

February 2007 Panelist Black Music and Culture Conference IX: Philosophy and Practice: Black Composers

January 2007 Panelist Connecticut Commission on the Arts Directory of Performing Artist

December 2007 Panelist/Adjudicator Artist Fellowship Program in Music

April 2006 Guest Composer Eastern Carolina University

May 2005 Jurist/panelist Connecticut Commission on the Arts Organization Support

July 2004 Clinician Conducting-National Association of Negro Musicians- detroit

January 2003/04- Adjudicator- (Composition) Music Teachers National Association SEPT 2003

April 2003 Jurist, CIS Fulbright Scholar Specialist Review Committee

Adjudicator (Clinician)- Heritage Festivals, orchestral, bands, instrumental (Boston)

March 1999 Clinician, - workshop on African American Composers and Conductor,

National Association for the Study and Performance of African American Music, Washington DC

Feb. 1999 "'Guest Composer conductor - American Choral Directors National Conference

African American choral traditions ,new works for choir, orchestra, soloist, chicago

June 1998 Panelist American Symphony Orchestra League National Conference "'Commissioning Youth Orchestras" Minn.

March 1998 Jurist, Music Assistance Trust Fund, American Symphony Orchestra LeagueBoston Symphony Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic

March 1996 Lecture IClinician William Grant Still Symposia, New England Conservatory of Music *I* Boston Symphony Orchestra

March 1996 Jurist, Music Assistance Trust Fund, American Symphony Orchestra LeagueManhattan School of Music

October 1995 Lecture, Indiana University School of Music, African American Institute

Feb./Mar. 1995: Jurist, Music Assistance Trust Fund, American Symphony Orchestra League Julliard School

December 1994: Guest Composer (Seminar Students) Cleveland Institute of Music

March 20, 1993: Virginia Regional Prince George County Adjudication Festival

November 1992: Indiana Arts Council- Panelist General Operating Panel

# **EDUCATIONAL CONCERTS (MUSIC FESTIVALS)**

CONDUCTOR- January 1997 All-Connecticut Regional Festival Orchestra

CONDUCTOR - January 11, 1992 New York Area All-County - Nassau County

CONDUCTOR - November 10, 1990 New York Area All-State - Region 10

CONDUCTOR - November 18, 1990 New York Area All-State - Region 1

CONDUCTOR - April 1989 Delaware All-State

CONDUCTOR - February 1989 Vermont Green Mountain District Festival

CONDUCTOR - February 1985 Connecticut Southern Regional Festival

CONDUCTOR - 1984 Connecticut Northwest Central Festival

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Grand Marshall Faculty, Berklee College of Music
- 2006 Honorary Doctorate of Arts Degree, Keene State College, NH Awarded May 7, 2006
- 2005 Connecticut Commission on the Arts Tourism Artist Grant
- 2004 Proclamation Town of Ellington Connecticut Distinguished service to the Arts Council
- 2003 "Gracie Allen National Award" for the score to Fighting for our Future, Lifetime /Principal Pictures
- 2002 "'Emerging African American Composer", Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- 2001 "'Medal of Artistic Merit" awarded from the Embassy of Ecuador and the Youth Symphony Orchestra
- 1992 "Jessie Ball Dupont Visiting Scholar" by the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges
- 1992 "National Culture through the Arts Award" , New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers
- 1989 "'Recipient Honorary Distinguished Alumnus Award" Langston University
- 1986 "Astral Foundation Award" Music Composition
- 1985 "Astral Foundation Award" for Music Composition Conducting and to Record Compositions
- 1985, 1986, 1987 Aspen Music Festival Professional Studies Fellowship in Composition, Conducting, and
- 1983 and 1982 Recipient Outstanding Young Men of America Award
- 1981 Connecticut Commission on the Arts Individual Artist Composition (Chorus and Orchestra)
- 1987 thru 2011 AS.CAP. Standard Award Grants for Music Composition
- 1981 thru 1992 AS.CAP. Popular Award Grant for Music Composition

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Art Songs" by American Composers (Composition featured) Southern Illinois University, Press 2004
- "Hall Johnson Anthology" Co-Editor and Arranger Carl Fischer Publishers 2003
- "Conductor for a Conductor" Emerge Magazine, BET 1999
- "He's My Strength and Power", Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minnesota, 1996
- "Sunshine in the Morning", Augsburg Fortress Publishers, Minnesota, 1993
- "Norman Overture" Toccata for Strings" Allison's Dream"". Meditation for Orchestra, Midnight
- Tolls Published by Lauren Kaiser Music, M.M.B. Music, S1. Louis, MI, 1986, 1988, 1994,2004
- "The Conductor and Composer Dilemma" AC.C. Newsletter Article Winter 1984
- "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" Published by Augsburg Publishers, Minnesota, 1984
- "In Commendation of Music" "Sympathy" "The Fall" "Summers Good Feeling" for Chorus

Published by Lawson-Gould, New York "Gospel Mass" AC.D.A. Journal, Choral Review, March 1982

#### DISCOGRAPHY

- "Equilibrium", Dvorak Symphony, Centaur Records (CD) January 2012
- "Heart on the Wall", Dvorak Symphony, Albany Records (CD) November 2011
- "This is the Sound of Harmony" composition "Dreams" Boston Children's Choir 2010
- "Somewhere far Away, Dvorak Symphony, Albany Records (CD) 2008 Troy 1072
- "Place in Time", Dvorak Symphony, Albany Records (CD) 2007, Troy 979
- "Midnight Tolls", Dvorak Symphony, Albany Records (CD) 2006
- "The New American Romanticism" Dvorak Symphony ,Albany Records (CD) 2004,Troy 704
- The American Soloist" (Dvorak Symphony) Albany Records (CD) 2004 TROY 687
- "Shades of Blue" Visionary/Albany (CD) Records Troy 431 February 2001
- "Symphonic Brotherhood" The Music of African American Composers ,Albany Records (CD)Troy104
- "Fare Ye Well" Visionary Records 2003
- "The Great American Songbook-Berklee recording the music of Burt Bacharach, Berklee recording 2008

- "The Great American Songbook-Berklee recording the music of Duke Ellington, Berklee recording 2007
- "The Great American Songbook- the Music of Stevie Wonder, Berklee recording 2007
- "Love Stories Julius Williams Conductor track "Violins"-Independent Gordon Chambers 2007

# **EDUCATION**

May, 7, 2006

Hon. Doctorate of Arts. Keene State College, New Hampshire

Earned Degrees

1980 **MME**., emphasis on Orchestral Conducting (piano major instrument), Hartt School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut

1977 BS, Music Education and Music Composition Herbert R Lehman College, Bronx, New York

New York and Connecticut Teacher Certification and New York City Teaching License

Professional Fellowship in Composition, and Orchestral Conducting, Aspen Music School Summer 1984 Scholarship in Orchestral Conducting, Aspen Music School Summers 1985, 1986, and 1987

#### **EDUCATION RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Orchestra and Choral conducting with Vytausus Marijosius" Coleridge Taylor Perkinson, Charles Bruck, Hugh Ross, John Motley, Gerald Mack, Murray Sidlin, Kurt Klippstatter
Piano with Ann Gelfand, Dr. Watson Morrison; Jazz piano with Jaki Byard - 1979 to 1980
Schillinger Jazz Arranging at New School for Social Research, New York, with Richard Brenda Composition with Ulysses Kay, John Corigliano, Charles Bell, and Coleridge Taylor Perkinson Orchestration with Fred Norman - 1973 to 1971

# LISTING (PARTIAL UST)

- "Grove Dictionary of American Music", Second Edition in print in March 2013
- "LANDSCAPES IN COLOR: CONVERSATIONS WITH BLACK COMPOSERS" UNIVERSITY PRESS OF AMERICA, 2003
- "BLACK CONDUCTORS" UNIVERSITY PRESS OF AMERICA, 1995
- "BLACK .AMERICAN MUSIC" KRIEGE, PUBLICATION, 1993
- "EMERGING LEADERS IN AMERICA" CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 1991
- "MEN OF ACHIEVEMENT" CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 1991
- "INTERNATIONAL WHO'S WHO OF MUSICIANS" CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 1986
- "AMERICAN ORATORIOS AND CANTATAS: A CATALOG OF WORKS WRITTEN" SCARECROW PRESS 1986
- "CHORAL MUSIC OF AFRO AMERICAN COMPOSERS" SCARECROW PRESS, 1981
- "ULYSSES KAY", COMPILATION OF WORKS, GREENWOOD PRESS, 1999

# DISSERTATION TOPIC ON JULIUS WILLIAMS

LIONETA CORNWALL THOMPSON 2007 COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ED DOCTORATE- JULIUS P. WILLIAMS ART SONG ENTITLED "A SONG" TOPIC THE ART SONGS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS.

#### **APPEARANCES** (selected)

ALABAMA PUBLIC TELEVISION "Harmonica Concerto" featured -Educational Documentary 1997

CPR (RADIO): Interview - "What's New" - June 1994

WQXR RADIO: New York with Robert Sherman. "The Listening Room" - June 7,1989

WQXR RADIO: New York with June Labell. "Symphony Saint Paulia" - January 1989

SCTV - PBS: National Teleconference. South Carolina - February 1989

WCBS TV: "Sunday Morning" with Charles Kuralt - Nationally Broadcast - Broadcast Fall 1988

WQXR RADIO: New York with Robert Sherman. Panelist on Composition at the Aspen Music Festival

VPR (RADIO): Interview - March 1989

CPTV: Guest Conductor for televised performance of "Purlie" segment with Connecticut Opera Association for Connecticut Arts Awards - July 1983

WFSB - TV: Hartford, Connecticut - "Up Front" - October 1982

# PARTIAL SELECTED LIST OF COMPOSITIONS AND PERFORMANCES

January 2009

"Dreams" for Commissioned by Boston Children Choir, on national Television, Jordan Hall, Boston June 2007

Lift Every Voice and Sing Boston Symphony project steps gala 25th Anniversary performance, chorus, orchestra, soloist, Symphony Hall, Boston

January 2007

Myths of History for Soprano Soloist and Orchestra premiered Petersburg Virginia June 2, 2007 April 2006

Africa -Song for voice and piano Premiered Carnegie Hall New York (Louise Toppin)

March 2003

A Journey To Freedom for soloist chorus and Orchestra-Premiered

March 19.2003

Reston Chorale and Orchestra, Schlesinger Concert Hall, Virginia

March 2002

Midnight Tolls, In Memoriam September 11, 2001

Reading by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Michigan

January 2001

March of the Giant Pandas- for the Celebration of the Arrival of the Pandas at the National Zoo Performed at the Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC

November 1996

Concerto For Harmonica and Orchestra- Commissioned by the Etowah Youth Orchestra for the City of Gadsden Alabama Sequin centennial, Also Performed at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center New York June 1991

November 1996

He's is my Strength and Power - Commissioned by the Council of Churches and Synagogues of Stamford Connecticut for the Annual Choir festival

December 1994

"Meditation" - For symphony orchestra performed by The Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, Jahja Ling, Conductor, Published by MMB. Music. Nationally Broadcast "Cleveland Orchestra"

January 1994

"It Is True", and "Meditation" - Recorded Albany Record (CD) Troy 104

Symphonic Brotherhood: The Music of African-American Composers

April 11, 1993

"Easter Celebration" - for chorus, orchestra, soloist and Dance Premiered Shenandoah Conservator, Virginia February 1993

"In The Mystery" - Premiered Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. 1992

Musical Score and Theme for Film "Yeah, My Heart Beats Loud"

March 1991 Distributed by: Juniper Pictures (Ltd.)

October 1991

"Heartbeat" - Orchestra (pop) from the film score "Yeah, My Heart Beats Loud" Premiered by the Orchestra Virginia Beach

May 1981

"Cinderella" - full-length ballet for orchestra commissioned by the Nutmeg Ballet, Co., Connecticut. April 8, 1985

"A Norman Overture" - for symphony orchestra. Premiered by the New York Philharmonic, Zubin Mehta, and Conductor Laurne Kaiser Published by MMB. Music. 1985

"Guinevere" - One-Act Opera Commissioned by and performed at Aspen Music Festival. Also performed at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, New York, 1987 And the Dubrovnik Yugoslavia, 1989 April 10, 1983 -

"The Seasons" For chorus, commissioned by the Hampton University Chorus, Virginia

Premiered at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, Washington. D.C. 1982 Published by Lawson-Gould,

"In Commendation of Music" - for Chorus. Premiered at Avery Fisher Hall. All-City High School Chorus. Published by Lawson-Gould (1984), New York.

November 14, 1981

"Sympathy for Women's Chorus" - Premiered at the American Society for University Composers. Regional Conference at Mount Holyoke College, MA 1Published by Lawson-Gould

October I, 1981

"Times of Troubles" - for flute and piano. Premiered at the Connecticut Composers Inaugural Gala Concert at the University of Connecticut. Also performed at the National Conference at the American Society of University Composers Conference at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana February 1983

#### MUSICAL THEATRE (COMPOSITIONS)

June 1999 Musical Score "Indahomey" New Federal Theater, New York, NY

November 1995 Musical Score for "The Paradise" Huntington Theater, Boston Mass

March 1991 Musical score for "Balm Yard". (Off Broadway)

Premiered Riverside Church Theatre produced by the New Federal Theatre, New York.

February 1981 Musical score for "Dreams Deferred" (Woodie King, Producer)

Premiered at the New Federal Theatre, New York, NY

February 10, 1979 Musical score for "Princess Too Tall" (Book by Karl Friedman)

Premiered at the Henry Street Settlement Arts for Living Center, New York, NY

November 17, 1978 Musical score for 'Mio" (Book for Shauneille Perry)

Premiered at the New Federal Theatre, New York, NY March thru May 1988

January 28, 1978 Musical score and lyrics for "The In Crowd" - (Book by: J. E. Franklin) (Off Broadway)

Premiered at the Henry Street Settlement Arts for Living Center, New York, NY

# Film and Video

October 2002- Fighting for Our Future

Principal Pictures/ lifetime TV October 10, 2002

2003 Gracie Award winner

Yeah, My heart Beats loud Juniper Pictures (independent) 1993