

# Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival

*Awaken Your Inner Artist*

February 2022

## A Note From the Director:

Winter Edition is practically here and while it looks a little bit different than we were originally planning, we are excited to offer such great options in the midst of a global pandemic. First off, things that are different:

- Motown has been cancelled
- Proof of vaccinations are required for all participants. I often tell people that I need three things to put on an event: guest artists willing to teach, registrants willing to learn and venues willing to host. These new guidelines were the only way that we could get all three for our Winter Workshops.

What is not changing, however, are the amazing workshops that we have coming up:

- Gospel Choir 2/14-19
- Steel Pans 2/14-19
- Zentangles 2/19
- Gospel Concert 2/20 at Journey Church at 5pm
- Marimba 2/28-3/5

Information for all of these items can be found at [www.fsaf.org](http://www.fsaf.org) and registration is now open. Feel free to write or call our office if you have any questions. We are going to have a February filled with laughter and learning and I invite you to join us.

Also, I would encourage you to make the Gospel Concert if you can. I will be honoring Bobby Lewis and Eustace Johnson in the FSAF Hall of Fame inductions, I will be announcing the Hall of Fame class of 2022, and we will be revealing the Signature Artwork for this summers event.

See you all soon

James

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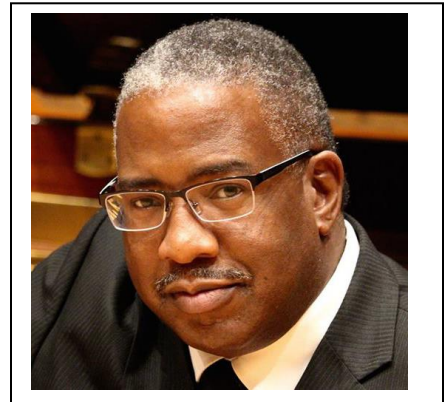
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## Guest Artist Spotlight- Bobby Lewis and Eustace Johnson



**Bobby Lewis** is the Senior Pastor of the New Light Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. He also travels the world sharing the hope of God through singing and teaching music. Some of his greatest achievements; seeing his choir sing with Barbara Streisand at Madison Square Gardens, and writing the opening song for one of Oprah Winfrey's birthday Celebration. Bobby's Ensemble was feature on PBS with Norm Lewis at Lincoln Center in his cabaret, Who Am I. They were also a featured ensemble in "The Odessy" at the Delecorte Theater in Central Park, singing the music of Todd Almond as part of the Public Theater's Shakespeare in the Park Series. It was so successful, Todd Almond invited Bobby's Ensemble to join him at the Lincoln Center to be featured in his cabaret.

**Eustace Johnson** is currently the Minister of music at the Baptist House of Prayer and the Morningside Pentecostal Church in Harlem, New York City. He is also the Music Director of the Bobby Lewis Ensemble. Eustace has played in every major concert hall in New York City and continues to perform as a pianist, keyboardist and organist, accompanying many soloists and vocal groups around the tri-state area and abroad. He spends much of his time in private piano instruction, composing, arranging and producing. In addition to the many recordings Eustace has performed, produced and arranged three solo CD projects entitled "Hymns I Love To Play Vol. I" and "Hymns I Love To Play Vol. II" and "The Christmas Collection Vol. 1". Eustace has appeared on many television spots including the Regis & Kelly show and worked with Stevie Wonder, Barbara Streisand, Chuck Berry, Pete Seeger, Peter Yaro (of Peter, Paul & Mary), Colonel Abrams, Odetta, Richard Smallwood, Tramaine Hawkins, Andrae Crouch and a host of others.



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