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presents

SOUND FUZION

Lawrence Edwards, Director
Jonathan Frazer, Director
Veda Polk, Performance Coordinator

Thursday Nov. 3rd, 2011  Harris Concert Hall  7:30 pm

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LaNita Smith (Keyboards)

LaNita is a native form Fayetteville, NC. She has been in Memphis since the age of 12. She graduated from Overton High and was accepted into Berklee College of Music where she then transferred from to come to Memphis. She is a junior at the University of Memphis majoring in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Music and Non-profit. This is her first year in Sound Fuzion, although she has been playing piano/singing since the age of 4. She started playing at an early age for church by ear after losing their musician, and she's still currently playing at her church. She's a songwriter/producer/performer and has had the opportunity to work/play for people and groups such as Isaac Hayes, Ernest Williamson and Ryan Williamson, Denise Williams, Aaron Neville, and Chante and Kenny Latimore and a host of others. She has written for an enormous amount of people including STAX Academy, Keia Johnson, Artisan Studios, Folgers, and Coka-Cola. Her long-term goals are to be an aspiring songwriter/producer and maybe even take the center stage if blessed enough!

Alex Inman (Guitar)

Alex is a Junior at the University of Memphis majoring in Recording Technology. He started playing the Guitar at the age of 13 and immediately loved it. He trained himself by playing with his parents Gospel Choir at their church, as well as playing in the Band with the Church Youth Group. Alex loves sharing his talent by teaching and also by doing freelance work for local artists of all genres. Alex wants to continue his path of music by becoming a composer and performing commercial music.

Will Hanlon (Bass Guitar)

Will Hanlon is a Senior Hospitality major, and this is his 3rd year in Sound Fuzion. He has been playing bass guitar for ten years. He has played in several bands playing mainly funk rock and blues and won the "best bass player award" at international battle of the bands competition held at the New Daisy. He played bass in the concert and pep bands at Christian Brothers high school and has opened up for national recording and touring acts, including local artist Al Kapone, in his former band Cornerstone.

Joseph Kelly (Keyboards)

Joseph Kelly, a freshman to the University, has been playing piano for 5 years. He was born and raised here in Memphis, TN and is double majoring in Music Business and Music Composition. This is Joseph's first year to Sound Fuzion, and has already had the opportunity to accompany Aaron Neville with Sound Fuzion at the U of M's Centennial Celebration this semester. He eats, sleeps, and breathes Sound Fuzion and is thrilled to be working under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Edwards.
Rashad English (Engineer)

Rashad English, 22, is a 6th year undergraduate Music Industry major from Memphis, TN. He has previously earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark Atlanta University, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude earning his degree in Mass Media Arts. He is honored to be a new member of Sound Fuzion this year, and hopes to make great contributions to the success of the ensemble.

Nick Haring (Engineer)

Nicholas J. Haring is a Junior, majoring in Recording Technology here at the U of M. He hails from Arlington, Virginia and is enjoying his first year in Sound Fuzion. In addition to his duties in Sound Fuzion, he currently serves as the president of the Audio Engineering Society (AES) and during his Freshman and Sophomore years here, played snare drums in Mighty Sound of the South Drumline.
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Anna Melvin (Vocals)

Anna Melvin is a twenty year old Junior at the University of Memphis. This is Anna's third year with Sound Fuzion and she is honored to be performing with such a talented group of vocalists and musicians. Anna is passionate about singing and the direction it has taken her life. Even though she has always loved music, it wasn't until she was singing at the Memphis Mid-South Fair several years ago that she discovered her love of performing. The last couple of years Anna has honed her skills on any stage she could. She has starred in several High School musicals, performed at rodeos, professional baseball games, the National Women's Republican luncheon, and was honored to open for country music legend Earl Thomas Conley. Anna is currently the Arkansas state's Colgate Country Showdown winner and will advance to the regional's this December. Anna is beginning to write some of her own songs. Even though this is new territory for her, it is something she could easily learn to love.

Beth Harker (Vocals)

Beth Harker, a twenty-one year old Senior at the University, and is a second year member in Sound Fuzion. She has enjoyed this semester in Fuzion, and looks forward to what next season brings. She would like to thank her family and friends for their faith and support, and wish the rest of the group good luck! I love you guys!!

Jessica Griffin (Vocals)

Jessica Ray Griffin is a graduate of Lausanne Collegiate School. She is now a Senior here at the University, majoring in Recording Technology. When she is not singing, she is grooving to Michael Jackson or popping to the Beatles or feeling Chaka's heart felt songs, or admiring Rhianna's style or dreaming about performing like Beyonce or being soulful like Earth Wind and Fire or lip-syncing to Whitney Houston or get superstitious with Stevie Wonder and then she takes it easy like Sunday Morning with the Commodores. Her life is simple. She sings, dances a little, takes singing lessons every once in a while and oh, she competed in Star Search. Her other favorite things to do are joke, laugh and have fun hanging with her friends. By the way, she won Star Search. This is her third year in Sound Fuzion and she loves being in a group who is just as enthused about music as she is.

Adam Fulton (Vocals)

Adam Nicholas Fulton is a sophomore majoring in Music Performance here at the University of Memphis. He is one of three new male vocalists in Sound Fuzion this year. He is a 2010 graduate of Obion County Central High School in Troy, TN. Since the 6th grade, Adam has always been a dedicated band member. He has been playing the French Horn for 8 years, and has studied
Adam Fulton (continued)
Voice for 4 years. In his time of studying voice, he has won several local talent shows at his hometown, Union City, TN, participated in the school choir as a Tenor 1 his Junior and Senior years and has received high honors throughout the years at Regional and State competitions. He served as the 2009-10 Field Commander for the Obion County Central High School Rebel Marching Band his Senior year. He plans on focusing on singing for the rest of his life, and believes that Sound Fuzion is where he truly belongs.

Landon Rodgers (Vocals)
Landon Rodgers is a 21 year old transfer student from Cumberland University. He is currently majoring in Criminal Justice at the University of Memphis. He is also a part of both the University's Choirs, and recently went to Germany on tour with them. Big thanks to my family and friends for their support and love. Enjoy the show!

Jordan Cook (Vocals)
Jordan is one of three new vocalists to Sound Fuzion this year. Before auditioning for Sound Fuzion, Jordan primarily liked to sing and perform Broadway music. He has been in many shows and plays around the Memphis area.

Kevin Owen (Vocals)
Kevin Owen is a fourth-year member of Sound Fuzion. He is in his fourth year of college. He has been singing in competitions throughout the mid-south since he was eight years old. He likes to play golf and watch sports in his spare time, and he especially loves watching the Tigers. He is a native Memphian, and very proud to be a student at U of M and a member of Sound Fuzion.

Shiloh Guin (Vocals)
Shiloh is one of three new male vocalists to Sound Fuzion this year. Within the past few years, Shiloh realized his talents and decided to start performing. He first started on guitar, and then slowly moved his way to singing. He is currently an Electrical Engineering major here at the University of Memphis.

Freddy Dickerson, Jr. (Drums)
Freddy Dickerson is the drummer for SFZ. This is his second year in SFZ. He is a junior here at the University of Memphis majoring in Earth Sciences in hopes of becoming a meteorologist. "I found my love for drums at church at the age of four." Since then Freddy has had the privilege to play for the Downbeat Magazine Student Award winning Jazz Band of St. Benedict at Auburndale High School. He also play drums for the Pep Band here at U of M during basketball season. Freddy would like to thank his friends and family for all of their support.
Dr. Lawrence Edwards (Director)

Dr. Lawrence Edwards is Director of Choral Activities for the University of Memphis Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music in Memphis Tennessee, a position held since 1987. He is also Music Director of the Memphis Symphony Chorus, a position held since 1988. He conducts the University Singers, the 65-voice concert choir of the University, the University Chamber Choir, and Sound Fuzion, a pop vocal/instrumental ensemble. He also teaches undergraduate and graduate choral conducting.

Dr. Edwards received his undergraduate degree in Music Education from Seattle Pacific University, where he directed the Seattle Pacific Singers. He holds both Masters and Doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois in Champaign. Prior to assuming his position at the University of Memphis, he was Director of Choral Activities at West Virginia University in Morgantown, WV.

 Jonathan Frazer (Director)

Jonathan Frazer is Assistant Professor of recording technology at the University of Memphis Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music. He is responsible for instruction in recording studio technology, music technology, advanced media production, and live sound reinforcement. He provides management and technical support for the studio facilities, music production services for the school, and technical guidance and support for Sound Fuzion. Mr. Frazer earned his undergraduate degree in Telecommunications from Michigan State University and pursued additional studies at the University of Surrey, Tonmeister program, Guildford, England. Mr. Frazer has over 15 years of experience in studio recording and live sound reinforcement. He has recorded projects for RCA, Atlantic, Columbia, Warner Bros., and Universal as well as independent labels; has toured nationally and internationally spanning 14 different countries, and has been awarded gold and platinum records for his work in those areas. He joined the faculty of the Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music in 2002.

Veda Polk (Performance Coordinator)

Veda Polk is the Performance and Audition Coordinator for Sound Fuzion. She is a Senior Choral Music Education major and this is her first year being involved with Sound Fuzion. Veda's current involvement with the Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music includes singing in the University Singers concert choir and Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Edwards. After graduation, she plans on getting her Master's degree in Special Education and becoming a Music Therapist.

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