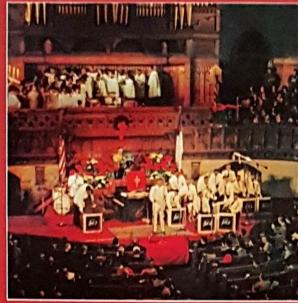


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# DUKE ELLINGTON



**"concert of sacred music"**





Face 1

- 1. IN THE BEGINNING GOD**  
(A + B + C) 15'20
- 2. TELL ME IT'S THE TRUTH**
- 3. COME SUNDAY (A + D)** 2'40
- 4. THE LORD'S PRAYER (A + D)** 2'30
- Face 2**
- 5. COME SUNDAY (A)** 5'44
- 6. WILL YOU BE THERE ? -  
AIN'T BUT THE ONE (A + C + E)** 4'26
- 7. NEW WORLD A-COMING (F)** 8'00
- 8. DAVID DANCED BEFORE  
THE LORD WITH ALL HIS  
MIGHT (A + C + G)** 6'05

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## PERSONNEL &amp; DATES D'ENREGISTREMENT :

- [A] Coote Williams, William "Cat" Anderson, Merton Ellington, Herbie Jones (tp), Lawrence Brown (tpt), Eddie Daniels (tbn), Oscar Jackson (trombone), Charles "Chuck" Connors (tb), Russell Procope (as, cl), Johnnie Hodges (as), Paul Gonsalves (sax), Harry Carney (bs), Louis Carney (bs), John Lamb (b), Louis Bellson (dm), Duke Ellington (p).

- [B] Brock Peters (vocal)
- [C] The Herman McCoy Choir (vocal)
- [D] Duke Ellington (piano)
- [E] Jimmy McPhail (vocal)
- [F] Duke Ellington (piano solo)
- [G] Bunny Briggs (lap-dancing)

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, December 20, 1965.  
En 1965, Duke Ellington est invité par Dean C.J. Bartlett et le Reverend John S. Yancey à présenter un concert de "Sacred Music" dans la Grace Cathedral de San Francisco pour célébrer l'achèvement et la consécration de cette grande cathédrale dédiée au Christ à San Francisco. California Street et Sacramento Hill... Maintenant, dit alors Ellington, je vais pouvoir exprimer à quel point je me sens dit jusqu'à présent à minima dans ce genre.

Le concert a lieu le 10 septembre 1965. Il est donné à nouveau le 10 décembre à l'église baptiste de l'avenue Clinton à New York. Le fantastique succès de ces deux premières manifestations provoque leur répétition, le 20 décembre, à la Cathédrale du Christ à Grand Rapids. Ces concerts, qu'il va renouveler au cours des ans et pour lesquels il ne va cesser d'avoir une énergie et une créativité sans mouture fut enregistré pour RCA à l'Abbaye de Westminster en 1973 au cours de la dernière heure de sa vie. C'est à ce moment que le compositeur parmi les meilleurs, les plus importants de sa carrière. Il faut dire effet composite qui résulte d'un mélange de la voix de l'Éternel, la sensuelle puissance de la musique profonde et éthérée qu'il exprime ainsi cette fois.

Il nous invite à nous entraîner à la recherche de Dieu dans toutes les merveilles et la beauté avec lesquelles nous nous trouvons sur terre. Le concert commence par une phrase musicale de six notes, jouée après l'introduction de piano avec majesté par Harry Carney, saxophone alto, puis par le piano solo de Duke, puis les six syllabes des quatre premiers mots de la Bible : "In the beginning God", au commencement. John, le Loup, le Chat et le Chaton de Caliningrad, la composition de ce premier concert de musique sacrée, il demande par téléphone à Billy Strayhorn, son ami et collaborateur, de lui faire un cancer, qui l'emportera à 3 mois de 1967 fait selon son idée de mettre en musique ces six premières syllabes. Ce qui résulte est "New World A-Coming", une intégrale ellingtonienne déjà riche des vingt volumes de "The Works of Duke" qui nous avaient conduits de 1927 à 1962.

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The concert begins with a musical phrase consisting of six notes which, following the piano introduction, are majestically delivered by Harry Carney on bassoon. These six notes represent the first six syllables of the first four words of the Bible. In the beginning, Duke Ellington, at that time in California, was composing the music for this first Sacred Concert, he phoned his friend and collaborator, the composer that was to be Strayhorn. On 31st May, 1967 was already inflicting his toll to him. When Strayhorn had started and continued with the same notes as the theme that Ellington himself had composed, and of the six notes out of two were different, Strayhorn had never heard anything like these two themes was eventually used, or whether it was a coincidence. The Beginning God, which was to become the Beginning God, continues with a beautifully fluid solo from Jimmy Hamilton, followed by a vocal by Brock Peters, who received a standing ovation from these New York performances. Duke Ellington, author of the words, proposed his vision of the world when they were created, neither mountain nor valley, neither mountain nor valley, neither night nor day, neither poverty nor Calypso, neither head nor aspiration, neither professional, neither question nor answer. There follows one of the most impressive moments of the concert, a perfect example of Ellington's "Beginning God", an American musical tradition over a beautiful improvisation by Paul Gonsalves on tenor-sax. The choir's ensemble, singing from the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi; Ellington proceeds to praise the Lord with the sound of brass and drums, with a spiritual aspiration symbolised by the extreme upper register of Cat Anderson's trumpet and by the extreme lower of Paul Gonsalves' tenor-sax. The New Testament has been evoked just as impressively by the enumeration, at increasing speed, of its Books, and Ellington then goes to the apocalypse, each punctuated by Ellington's piano.

Other works composed for this concert are clearly based in Ellington's style. The Old Testament, "Me I'll Be There" and "The Lord's Prayer" sung by Esther Marrow; "Will You Be There ? and Ain't But The One" sung by Duke Ellington and his Herman McCoy Choir, are works Duke had created for his 1963 Chicago show, "My People", presented as part of the series of "Myself and My Soul". It is also in "My People" that Bunny Briggs, that amazing lap-dance virtuoso, had already proved in her acrobatic work on "Harlem Air shaft and Mood Indigo", hedonistic composer of "Perfume Suite" and "Drum is a Woman" after having performed in the "Beginning God".

The concert took place on 16 in September, 1965. It was given again at the Presbyterian Church in New York's Fifth Avenue on the following 28th because of the success of the first performance. The audience was such that there were repeated at numerous venues in the States and in Britain's Concert Hall. Ellington's involvement in these concerts over the ensuing years and he counted them amongst the most important works of his career. John Hendricks, who may have had some influence on his bent-knee expression only to himself.

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No mere curiosity, this first Concert of Sacred Music is a major achievement in Ellington's work, and merits both attention and respect. It provides a further milestone in the French press coverage of Duke Ellington's work, which 24 volumes covering the period 1927 to 1952 have already made their appearance.

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