

# AUDITORIUM THEATRE

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### MEDIA ALERT

**"Too Hot to Handel" Soloists  
Alfreda Burke and Rodrick Dixon  
Perform In  
HUMANITY RISING:  
NOTRE-DAME REBORN**

**Their Performance Filmed at Roosevelt University's Ganz Hall in the  
National Historic Landmark Auditorium Building**

**The Fundraiser Also Features  
Glenn Close, Yo-Yo Ma, Ken Burns,  
Bill Kurtis, Scott Simon, and More!**

**[October 29, 2020 @ 6PM CDT](#)**



## WHO AND WHAT:

### HUMANITY RISING: NOTRE-DAME REBORN featuring **Alfreda Burke and Rodrick Dixon**

Chicago's own **Alfreda Burke** and **Rodrick Dixon** will perform in this virtual gala benefiting the rebuilding and restoration of Notre-Dame Cathedral. Burke and Dixon have starred in the Auditorium Theatre's annual production of *Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah* since the show began 16 years ago.

Soprano Alfreda Burke, Tenor Rodrick Dixon, and Pianist **Lisa Kristina** will perform two selections: Leonard Cohen's "**Hallelujah**" and the premiere of a new arrangement of "**Je Vous Salue Marie (Hail Mary)**", the French hymn the Parisians sang the night Notre Dame Cathedral burned, by *Too Hot to Handel* pianist **Alvin Waddles**.

This performance was recorded in **Roosevelt University's Ganz Hall**, located in the **Auditorium Building**, a **National Historic Landmark** built in 1889 among the ashes of another tragic fire, the **Great Chicago Fire**.

The event also stars **Glenn Close, Yo-Yo Ma, Ken Burns, Bill Kurtis, Scott Simon**, and many more!

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 29 @ 6PM CDT

**WHERE:** [Register for FREE here](#) to receive the link to the virtual gala.

**WHY:** Notre-Dame Cathedral has made progress since the tragic fire on April 15, 2019, but she still has a very long way to go. The contributions this evening support the reconstruction and restoration of Notre-Dame Cathedral and ensure that this beautiful, beloved monument will be admired by generations to come.

***Alfreda Burke and Rodrick Dixon are available for remote interviews. Please contact Colleen Flanigan at [cflanigan@auditoriumtheatre.org](mailto:cflanigan@auditoriumtheatre.org) or 773.610.3445.***

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### **About The Auditorium Theatre**

The Auditorium Theatre, located at 50 E Ida B Wells Dr at Roosevelt University in Chicago, is an Illinois not-for-profit organization committed to presenting the finest in international, cultural, community, and educational programming to all of Chicago and beyond as **The Theatre for the People**. The organization also is committed to the continued restoration and preservation of this **National Historic Landmark**.

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