

The String Queens

Biography

The String Queens (TSQ) are Praised for its “authentic, soulful, and orchestral sound.” This dynamic trio, based in Washington, D.C., creates musical experiences that inspire diverse audiences to love, hope, feel, and imagine! With a repertoire ranging across a multitude of musical genres from Classical to Jazz to today’s Billboard Hot 100 Chart and beyond, TSQ concerts are interactive, technically sound, and emotionally stimulating. TSQ performances include sold-out concerts at the DC Jazz Festival, Capital Jazz SuperCruise, Carnegie Hall in New York City, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Blues Alley, and the Howard Theatre in Washington, D.C. In January 2021, TSQ was invited by the Presidential Inaugural Committee to perform a special tribute to Vice President Kamala Harris during the “We Are One” inauguration concert. This performance was designed to celebrate the contributions of African-Americans to American society and was viewed by more than one million people worldwide.

Recognized by D.C.’s leading news network WUSA9 as “school teachers by day and concert performers by night”, TSQ was selected as the 2019-2020 Ensemble-in-Residence for Washington Performing Arts’ signature community engagement initiative titled, “Mars Arts D.C.” held In October 2020. With a teaching philosophy anchored in a strong commitment to improving social justice, empowering student voices and creativity, and incorporating the latest advancements in music technology, TSQ’s innovative, project-based, and inclusive approach to music education has been featured in programming for **Teach for America**, the **National Alliance for Public Charter Schools**, **The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts**, and many more reputable arts and education organizations around the country.

TSQ has received many awards and honors including the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra’s Aspire Award for its innovative contributions to music education. And most recently, TSQ was invited to deliver the keynote address at Carnegie Hall’s Music Educator Workshop Spring Kick-Off event. As chamber and orchestral musicians, TSQ members have performed with many incredible artists throughout the music industry and have worked under the batons of legendary musical directors Ray Chew, Adam Blackstone, and Rickey Minor. In 2019, TSQ was honored to headline a historic collaboration alongside GRAMMY Award Winner Aloe Blacc in creating a modern-day arrangement of the Black National Anthem “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”. Commissioned by ESPN’s ‘The Undefeated’, this rendition of “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing” has been used as the soundtrack to ESPN’s Black History Month vignettes featuring prominent African-American athletes.

The String Queens trio has two albums available for purchase on the TSQ website and all major digital music stores. TSQ’s self-titled debut album was released in late 2019 and premiered at legendary jazz venue Blues Alley in Washington, D.C. TSQ’s second album, “Our Favorite Things” was released in November 2020.