



Ashley C. Watkins

Testimonials

Ashley has played at the church where I am the Director of Music several times. In addition to her beautiful, rich flute sound, excellent technique and understanding of musical style, she is always prepared and punctual, a true professional. It is a pleasure to work with Ashley and I highly recommend her.

Julia Morris-Myers Director of Music
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Centreville, Maryland

“Ashley just blew me away the first time I heard her play and every single time I have been privileged to hear her; I am just in awe. I get goosebumps when I hear her rendition of Amazing Grace because it is just that-Amazing! I look forward to watching this young woman grow and blossom into the world-renowned artist that she is destined to become.”

Loretta Taylor
A fan for life

I listened to Ms. Watkins played for us at our organization fundraiser Soiree. As background music to a party, the lovely flute sound was perfect. However, Ashley is so talented, we found our guests were mesmerized by the performance and stopped to listen like it was a concert. I have also heard her perform at DCA. She brought tears to my eyes.

Midge Ingersoll,
President Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance

"Ashley Watkins is a musical genius! She delivers the sweetest music on her flute that I have ever heard. Just phenomenal! She rendered a couple of selections at my church's function a year ago and people are still speaking about her performance. She brought people to their feet and there was not a dry eye among the congregation!

Beverly A. Wright-Retired
Prince George's County Board of Education

"Ashley Watkins is one of the finest, most sought after flute soloists in this region of the country. She has a vast repertoire and is a seasoned recitalist. Ms. Watkins presented a wonderful program at our 17th Annual Flute Fête:
A Celebration of the Flute this year. She has a rich, gorgeous tone and a prodigious technique. The future is very bright for Ms. Ashley Watkins and her magic flute!"

Dr. Saï's Kamalidiin
Professor of Flute
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

I have indeed been privileged to hear you play and am honored to provide a testimonial. In the hands of Ashley Watkins the flute becomes truly magical. Her rich tone, expressiveness, and thoughtfully chosen selections combine to create a memorable concert that is sure to please.

Nan Duerling

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Testimonial of Ashley Watkins' performances:

The first time I heard Ashley perform was several years ago. I was in a state of awe because of the beautiful music she played. I was in a church and thought... "It's probably the acoustics in this building." Well, since that first performance I have heard many more in many different settings... parties, banquets, concerts, etc. Ashley is an accomplished flutist who has me spellbound with each performance. She has included classical, jazz, spiritual, popular classics and many other genres in her concerts. I look forward to listening to this young lady as she brings music to my ears.

Celestine Dorsey, Cambridge, MD

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Testimonial For Ashley Watkins

I have known Ms. Ashley Watkins for 2 years as I first witnessed her musical talent as a flautist as a part of a "Do The Right Thing 4 Life Banquet". She was featured to do a special performance at that event as there were a couple hundred people in attendance at this prestigious event. I instantly was attracted to her music and her pinpoint sound. I remember having a brief conversation with her regarding my hope to be able to include her in some events I was involved in sponsoring and/or providing music for. I was very privileged in having Ashley Watkins perform in the 2015 BDG Summer Kickoff Music Festival at the Delaware Theatre Company in Wilmington, Delaware. As a part of that festival, she performed in 2 of the shows ("Gospelfestplosion" and "Thank GOD For Jazz"). The "Thank GOD For Jazz" show was the 2015 Clifford Brown Jazz Festival Kickoff. The audiences were thrilled and in awe of her in each of the performances I witnessed. It was a real treat and an honor for Ashley Watkins to be one of the featured performers for that festival. She has such a sweet spirit and the most beautiful sound on her flute that comes from the root of her soul. I look forward to continued opportunities to work with Ms. Ashley as she is indeed a BDG Allstar.

Greg Williams – CEO
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Ashley Watkins is the rare solo instrumentalist who can carry an entire performance and never lose the rapt attention of her audience. From the first glorious note to the last, the absolute command of her instrument continues to enthrall. We have featured performances by Ashley several times on our Gallery Stage, and each has been equally excellent. She masters works in the standard flute repertoire, such as the beautiful *Syrinx* for solo flute by Claude Debussy; surprises with new classical pieces; and also introduced a new jazz direction in her most recent concert. She connects personally with the audience, providing commentary throughout her performances. If you have the opportunity to book a concert with Ashley Watkins, don't miss it!

Barbara J. Seese
Executive Director

Dear Ashley Watkins,

It has been my absolute pleasure to have witnessed your gifts on four different occasions. When I saw your offer in our district e-newsletter to come to any church in our conferencer, I invited you immediately. How blessed we were to have you as part of our 100 Women in Red Service in 2014! Then, your music was a key component of our Christmas Cantata "A Thrill of Hope" in December 2015. Your flute music set the stage for us to revisit the Christmas story, especially for those who need just a 'bit of hope' during their life circumstances. When I heard you at the Cambridge/Dorchester Arts Center, I was once again impressed with the various kinds of selections that are part of your rapport. Anyone who has the opportunity to experience you showcasing your gifts should do so immediately – and many times over. I look forward to hearing you again soon. In deep appreciation and admiration, Faye Wilson

Faye Wilson, Ed.D. Minister of Music & Arts
Mt. Zion UMC, Quantico, MD

The Tilghman Church has been lucky to host flutist Ashley Watkins during many of our church services and during our evening concerts. Her music is beautiful and inspiring and her technical ability is superb. Ashley has a talent that brings music to life and appeals to a wide variety of audiences. Her greatest gift is the ability to connect with an audience. People are always asking me to bring Ashley back to play here. I would highly recommend her for events, concerts or services.

Debra Brookhouser, Music Director
Tilghman United Methodist Church

Testimonial:

Ashley Watkins' professional musical expertise on the flute set a distinguished tone at a commemorative state ceremony and elegance at two retirement ceremonies for respected colleagues. Impressive accomplishment on very complicated musical pieces which spellbound those listening in the audience. Would highly recommend her for ceremonies where you want to set a level of distinction and a lasting positive impression.

GC Massey County Health Administrator
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