

Music for Peace: A Celebration of Mary Lou Williams

Part of Mary Lou Williams' mission was to bring communities together through jazz. Her third Mass, *Music for Peace* (eventually rechristened by Alvin Ailey as *Mary Lou's Mass*), is a perfect vehicle for college, church, or community choirs to sing with the Deanna Witkowski Trio. Witkowski's *Evening Mass*, like *Music for Peace*, has a variety of scoring options (from unison to SATB).

Program options

The audio tracks you hear at deannajazz.com are with a choir of 12 New York based professional jazz singers. While the program is indeed available as a self-contained vocal/instrumental unit, the following options are also available:

1. Deanna Witkowski Trio (piano, bass, drums) with four vocal soloists (S, A, T, B) to be supplemented by a local choir of at least 24 members.
2. Deanna Witkowski Trio with an eight-voice choir (SATB) to be supplemented by a local choir of at least 16 members.
3. Deanna Witkowski Trio with twelve-voice professional choir (SATB) as a self-contained unit.

For each of these options, Deanna is available to arrive several days in advance to rehearse with choirs and to offer educational programs (such as *Moving with the Spirit: The Sacred Jazz of Mary Lou Williams*; *Beyond Words: Improvisation as Prayer*; *Jazz Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs: Resources for the Church Musician*; *Jazz and Proverb: A Musical Portrait of Wisdom in the Work of Four Female Artists*). Visit Deanna's main sacred music page to view a list of previous venues and workshop offerings.

For pricing inquiries or for more detailed information, contact Deanna at deannajazz@gmail.com.