Christopher-Joel Carter is a pianist of most exquisite versatility and a master of genres. His virtuosic and diverse playing has taken him around the world and has made him a favorite among locals and celebrities alike. From composing choral music that has been premiered in Carnegie Hall, and the Bass Performance Hall, to performing for royalty, Christopher's joyous and happy disposition is reflected in his compositions and performances.

In 2008 and 2009 Christopher-Joel won first place in the Liberace Piano Competition Showmanship division, and is the reigning champion. Christopher-Joel was the featured pianist and entertainer for the weeklong celebration of Liberace's 91st birthday at the Liberace Museum and Foundation. During this concert, he accompanied Liberace protege and Foreigner band member, Domenick Allen, Broadway singer, comedienne, and cabaret star Phyllis Bell, and violin virtuoso Valeri Glava. Christopher is in demand as a concert pianist, accompanist, composer, and organist that keeps him traveling and performing over 250 days a year. Professionally, Christopher-Joel is active as the accompanist for the Florence Camerata, and also is an organ scholar for a church. Christopher began his musical training at the age of five, and studied with local teachers of his hometown Albertville, Alabama. At the age of fifteen, Christopher-Joel began formal classical piano training with Margery McDuffie Whatley, continuing throughout his college years, leading him to also major in organ performance and also concentration on musical composition. Other training includes masterclasses with organist virtuoso Cameron Carpenter, pianists Olga Kern, Ian Hominick, Charles Rosen, and John Browning. In March 2010, Christopher released his first studio-produced self-titled album. In October 2011, Christopher performed at Carnegie Hall with Dr. Jeremy Benson, flutist virtuoso performing Cesar Franck's "Sonata in A Major" and premiering the flute and piano music of the elusive Japanese-French composer Yuko Uebayashi. Very involved in the studio musician/recording scene, in 2012, Dr. Benson and Carter released the critically acclaimed album "Pure Hymnagination."
PROGRAM

Rhapsody in Blue ............................................. George Gershwin
Arr. Ferde Grofe

Chamber Winds
Directed by Dr. Ken Bodiford

Brunswick Stew ............................................. Jamie Dubberly

Latin Ensemble
Directed by Dr. Andy Nevala, Dr. Tony McCutchen

All of Me ............................................. Gerald Marks and Seymour Simons
Arr. Billy Beyers

Killer Joe ............................................. Benny Golson

Satin Doll ............................................. Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn

JSU Alumni Big Band
Directed by Dr. Andy Nevala

All Night Long ......................... Lionel Richie/arr. Deke Sharon

Crazy ............................................................. Willie Nelson
Arr. Michele Weir

Loves Me Like a Rock ......................... Paul Simon
Darmon Meader

JSU Chamber Singers
Directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin

Corner Pocket ....................................................... Count Basie

I've Got the World on a String ...................... Ted Koehler, Harold Arlen
Arr. Paul Langford

Sepulveda Shuffle ......................................... Steve Tyler

Friend Like Me .......................................................... Wayne Burgeron

Extra Credit .......................................................... Jim McNeely

Jazz Ensemble I
Directed by Dr. Andy Nevala

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**JSU ALUMNI BIG BAND**

Bob Steenbeck, Alto Sax  
Jeremy Stovall, Alto Sax  
Terry Gladden, Alto Sax  
Reuben Mitchell, Tenor Sax  
Tony Logsdon, Tenor Sax  
Robert Guyton, Bari Sax  
Tony McCutchen, Drumset  
Chris Enghauser, Bass  
Andy Nevala, Piano  
Ben Weatherford, Guitar  
Tyson Hall, Trumpet  
Chris Probst, Trumpet  
Tim Libby, Trumpet  
Graham Bennett, Trumpet  
Dave Lambert, Trombone  
Doug Gordon, Trombone  
Chris Hosmer, Tuba  
Evan Johnson, Trombone  
Justin Lockridge, Trombone

**Latin Ensemble**

Michael Panik, Piano  
Nick Staff, Bass  
Graham Bennett, Trumpet  
Coy Hewlett, Trombone  
Chris Benedetti, Trombone  
Percussion  
Evan Bearden  
Evan Romack  
Jesse Stevens  
Taylor Hudock  
Dr. Tony McCutchen, Vibes

**Chamber singers**

**Sopranos**  
Ellen Abney  
Ashley Boyd  
Whitney Henson  
Jessica Lister  
Debra Mantua  
Caylen McCall  
**Altos**  
Madison Baldwin  
Brianna Garrett  
Kaitlyn Graves  
Kristin Griffin  
Meg Griffin  
Noya Levy  
Anna Stuart

**Tenors**  
Gavin Haynes  
Dylan McCombs  
Scott Johnson  
Macon Prickett  
**Basses**  
Blake East  
Matthew Palmer  
Patricia Corbin, Director  
Meg Griffin, Accompanist

**Chamber Winds**

**Flutes**  
Olivia Brown – Newnan, GA  
Michael Greenwood – Jacksonville, AL  
Mandy Clayton – Huntsville, AL  
Katelyn McGee – Southside, AL  
Anne Marie Hester – Oak Grove, GA  
**Oboe**  
Ethan Owens – Eastaboga, AL  
**Bassoon**  
Chris Knight – Scottsboro, AL  
Abby Priest – Kennesaw, GA  
**Clarinet**  
Kris ten Borough – Lancaster, CA  
**Trumpet**  
Zach Hill – Clarksville, GA  
Graham Bennett – Hoover, AL  
Chris Hall – Jacksonville, AL  
Joey Smith – Arab, AL  
Tim Sexton – Hokes Bluff, AL  
Terry Hinkemeyer – Newnan, GA  
**Bass Trombone**  
Chris Benedetti – Peachtree City, GA  
**Euphonium**  
Jaron Smith – Habersham, GA  
Jason Coward – Hiram, GA  
**Tuba**  
Kenny Quigley – Dahlonega, GA  
Coy Hewlett – Hoover, AL  
**Percussion**  
Reuben Rodriguez – Austin, TX  
Danny Moore – Hoover, AL  
AJ Adair – Villa Rica, GA  
Dylan Bearden – Albertville, AL  
Evon Bearden – Albertville, AL  
Ben Williams – Vestavia Hills, AL  
Joseph Stephens – Newnan, GA  
James Pluth – Lawrenceville, GA  
Jason Cole – Mobile, AL

**Contra Clarinet**  
Amanda Estep – Newnan, GA  
**String Bass**  
Nick Staff – Milledgeville, GA  
**Saxophones**  
Ian Lewis – Soddy-Daisy, TN  
Robbie Rockwell – Mobile, AL  
Jessica Creel – Hoover, AL  
Brandon McDonald – Ringgold, GA  
**Basses**  
Blake East  
Matthew Palmer  
Patricia Corbin, Director  
Meg Griffin, Accompanist  
**Horns**  
Daniel Marshall – Ellijay, GA  
Corey Hyman – Arab, AL  
Hannah LaFollette – Gardendale, AL  
Brian Hinkemeyer – Newnan, GA  
Kristen Borough - Lancaster, CA  
**Piano**  
Marybeth Daniel – Fort Payne, AL