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#### DOROTHY COTTON JUBILEE SINGERS OF ITHACA, NY PERFORM AFRICAN-AMERICAN SACRED MUSIC

The group currently numbers around 80 singers who are passionate about our unique music, as well as about educating audiences about African American Sacred Music and the Negro Spirituals.

In 2007, the art of the Negro Spiritual was acknowledged as a National Treasure of the United States.

The founder and director of the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers is Dr. Baruch Whitehead, Associate Professor of Music Education at Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY.

The mission of the Dorothy Cotton Jubilee Singers of Ithaca, New York is to preserve the uniquely American art form of the formal concert style Negro Spiritual. We welcome all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual preference, political views or socio-economic status. Our singers share a common love of this amazing body of music and our fervent belief that this music still carries the power to bring social justice to our world.

The group is named in honor of civil rights pioneer Dorothy Cotton, a resident of Ithaca, New York, who served as education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and continues to spread her message of freedom and hope to people around the world through music.

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