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## Montgomery Philharmonic 2017 - 18 Our 12th Season : Old Friends ... New Friends

Concert 2, Sunday, December 10, 2017 : Old Friends ... New Friends

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### About Rosephanye Powell

Rosephanye Dunn Powell has been hailed as one of America's premier composers of choral music. As a high school student, she excelled in track and basketball, played saxophone in the marching band, and performed lead roles in theatrical productions. Powell graduated from West Point High School (West Point, Georgia) in 1980 and was class valedictorian. She received a basketball scholarship to Alabama State University but soon realized that she could not play basketball and also pursue a music degree. Powell graduated summa cum laude from Alabama State University with a Bachelor of Music Education degree, vocal emphasis (1984); with distinction from Westminster Choir College with a Master's degree in vocal performance and pedagogy (1987); and from The Florida State University as a University Fellow with a Doctor of Music degree in vocal performance(1993).

Powell's compositions include sacred and secular works for mixed chorus, women's chorus, men's chorus, and children's voices. Her style of composition has been characterized by beautiful melodies, strong rhythmic emphasis, rich harmonies often derived from African-American popular styles, and varied vocal textures, including counterpoint. Her influences include African-American musical styles; the choral works of J.S. Bach, G.F. Handel, Mozart, and Verdi; and the art songs of William Grant Still, Undine Smith Moore, Fernando Obradors, Samuel Barber, and Emmanuel Chabrier.

### YouTube.com Links –

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