



th ANNIVERSARY

Harry T. Burleigh SPIRITUALS FESTIVAL

Amazing
voices, energy
& passion!

Coming to Erie
for the 1st time!

"If you care about Burleigh,
... American music and
culture, Erie PA is the
place to be in 2026,"
-Patrick Dailey,
Festival Director

"A spiritual
experience"



Events & Resources

Free & Open to the Public

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

7:30pm: Opening Plenary

Performances and fireside-style conversation with Burleigh Festival Honoree Dr. Jean E. Snyder, Burleigh scholar Dr. Louise Toppin, and WQLN 91.3's Brian Hannah.
Christ the King Chapel, Mercyhurst University

THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH

1:30 pm: "Documenting the Arts and Culture"
with Michael Berlin for Collegiate Students and Fellows
Walker Recital Hall, Mercyhurst University

5:00-6:45pm: Community Music Workshop:
"Singing Burleigh in Sacred Spaces of the Community"
with Dr. Damien Sneed, Patrick Dailey, and Gary Mitchell Jr.
Walker Recital Hall, Mercyhurst University

7:00pm: H. T. Burleigh Documentary Premiere
Walker Recital Hall, Mercyhurst University

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH

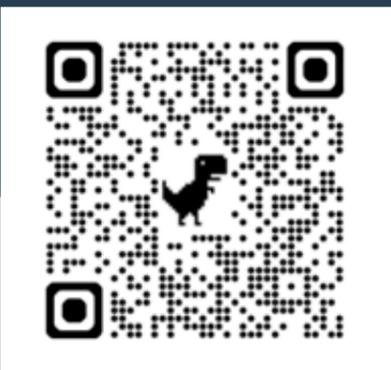
2:00-4:00pm: Featured vocal masterclass
with gala artist Dr. Louise Toppin
Walker Recital Hall, Mercyhurst University

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

7pm Burleigh Festival 2026 Gala Concert

Gala Artists Dr. Louise Toppin & Dr. Damien Sneed, Members of the 105 Voices of History National HBCU Choir, Mercyhurst University Choir, Patrick Dailey, Griot & Gary Mitchell, Pianist

*D'Angelo Performing
Arts Center,
Mercyhurst University*



Order your FREE tickets for
the Saturday Gala Concert

