

# CHATTERBIRD



Thank you for your interest in supporting chatterbird's Virtual Chamber Music Series!

**ABOUT THE PROJECT:** On Pentecost Sunday last year, Belmonter and clarinetist Emily Bowland was deeply moved by Jerome Del Pino's prayer following the death of George Floyd. As a result, she commissioned two-time Emmy nominated and Nashville-based composer Dave Ragland to write a two-movement piece for solo clarinet and spoken word using Jerome's prayer. The second movement will reflect joy for the future and use text written by the 2021 Nashville Youth Poet Laureate, Marie Shields. The piece will premiere June 18 at 12:00 PM as part of the Virtual Chamber Music Series from contemporary ensemble, chatterbird. It will be live streamed from chatterbird's Facebook page at [facebook.com/achatterbird](https://facebook.com/achatterbird) and available for viewing afterward at [chatterbird.org](https://chatterbird.org).

**ABOUT THE SERIES:** In April 2021, chatterbird launched a musician-curated Virtual Chamber Series, featuring multiple world premieres. Chatterbird asked the performing musicians to curate each virtual concert as a healing outlet, giving them the latitude and funding to create performances that focus on themes, subject matter, and emotions experienced in the wake of the pandemic and social unrest.

**ABOUT CHATTERBIRD:** Chatterbird is a Nashville-based chamber music ensemble. A 501(c)3 non-profit organization, chatterbird was founded in 2014 with a mission to explore alternative instrumentation and stylistic diversity in order to create thoughtful and inventive musical experiences. The ensemble works to expand classical music through thoughtful collaboration, strategic commissioning, and creative community partnerships.

**HOW TO SUPPORT:** The total expense for the Virtual Chamber Music Series is \$16,450. This includes performer compensation, commissioning fees, audio and video production costs, and equipment rental. \$4,450 is the amount needed to fund this specific commission and concert. If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of this project, it would be deeply appreciated! You can donate by <https://onrealm.org/BelmontUMC/-/give/CommissionedMusic> - or mail a check made out to Belmont UMC with "Commissioned Piece" in the subject line. All donations are tax deductible.

