

# The Redemption and Hope Campaign

## An Evening of Transformation & Inspiration

May 16, 2025

Center of Praise Ministries  
2223 Capitol Ave, Sacramento

**5:30 PM:** Gala Sponsor's Reception

**6 PM:** Book Release and Signing

**7-9 PM:** "The Genius of Hope" Concert

Join us for an unforgettable evening that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit, the power of second chances, and the transformative power of music.

### **Book Release:** *The Life & Times of D. Devine—Excuse or Just Reason*



Dwayne Burgess

Meet Dwayne Burgess, author of a powerful memoir chronicling his 32 years of incarceration in California. Witness his extraordinary journey of self-discovery, resilience, and redemption. Since his release in 2023, Dwayne has partnered with One World Institute to digitize his raw and authentic story, offering a testament to his enduring human spirit and transformation.

Dwayne's optimism is contagious, and his thankfulness and generosity of spirit are a testament to the unique perspective he brings to the world. His experiences have forged a depth of character and wisdom that shines through in everything he does, inspiring us all to embrace our own journeys with open hearts and unwavering hope.

## **A Concert for the Human Spirit:** *The “Genius of Hope”*

Experience the extraordinary musical talents of Eric Genius, a virtuoso pianist and composer whose music touches the soul and inspires hope.



**Eric Genius**

Eric Genius is more than a composer and pianist; he’s a virtuoso who weaves music and soul into an experience that transcends the ordinary. While his journey began with an Associateship in Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music, his true artistry lies in his ability to connect with audiences on a deeply human level.

His original compositions are a tapestry of elegance, sensitivity, and raw emotion. They resonate with a depth that speaks to the heart of the human experience. He possesses a unique gift for uniting people through the sheer power of music, creating a shared experience of profound beauty and connection.

His concerts are not mere performances; they are transformative journeys. He invites his audiences to join him in a celebration of the human spirit, where music becomes a conduit for healing, hope, and understanding.

Further, what truly sets Eric apart is his dedication to bringing the power of music to those who need it most. He shares his gift with marginalized communities and the forgotten, offering solace, inspiration, and a sense of belonging through his captivating performances. When Eric Genius takes the stage, accompanied by hand-selected performers, the universe seems to hold its breath. Prepare to be moved, inspired, and forever changed by the power of his music.

## Joining Eric Genius on Stage: *The following exceptional artists*

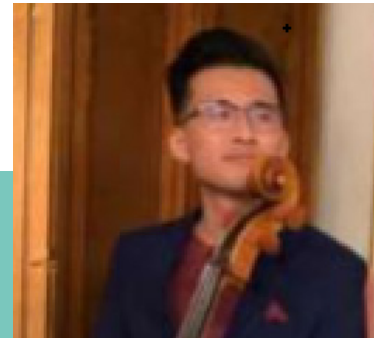


**Janet Todd**

An Australian singer based in Los Angeles whose voice radiates joy and captivates the heart, Janet's voice is a life force, a beacon of the human spirit, compelling unity and inspiring all who hear it. Her performances are not just musical experiences; they are celebrations of our shared humanity, where every note resonates with the power of connection and hope.

A gifted cellist and recent graduate of the University of Illinois School of Music, Jun Lee is driven by a deep passion for fostering empathy and human connection through music. His performances are not merely recitations of notes, but journeys into the depths of human emotion, where the cello's voice becomes a bridge between souls. With every resonant chord,

Jun Lee Jun invites his audience to experience the shared language of music, transcending boundaries and building understanding.



**Jun Lee**



**Shreya Sachdev**

A concert violist and graduate of Oberlin Conservatory and Cleveland Institute of Music, Shreya Sachdev embodies the very essence of musical passion. Her lifelong dedication to her craft, ignited at the tender age of four, has blossomed into an artistry that transcends boundaries and genres. With every stroke of her bow, Shreya paints a vibrant tapestry of emotions, drawing

her audience into a world of breathtaking beauty and profound connection. Her performances are not simply heard; they are felt, leaving an indelible mark on the soul.

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