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WHAT WE DO

- Create New Music for the Church to Sing
- Concerts, Conferences, Music Festivals, Churches
- Creative Liturgies and Original Worship Gatherings
- Workshops

ABOUT

The Many is an indie folk/gospel, liturgically-grounded new kind of worship band, an intentionally diverse collective creating music for people to sing together, the kind of music we need now more than ever... Songs that bring more truth, hope and beauty into the world.

REVIEWS

Breathtaking music. Breathtaking.
Your work resonates with me on a
deep level. Just brilliant.
-Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Nothing short of stunning.
-Cross Rhythms UK
You created a holy space this evening.
-Bill Brennan

THE MANY



Hannah Rand, an award-winning singer/songwriter, and a graduate of the songwriting program at Belmont University, has been writing and performing songs that cry out for a world free from racism, exclusion and injustice since she was 13. She writes most of the music for The Many, and for her solo career as well.



Darren Calhoun is an Associate Fellow with Evangelicals for Social Action and the worship leader at Chicago's Urban Village Church, South Loop. He serves on the boards of The Q Christian Fellowship and The Reformation Project. He's also a speaker, workshop leader, blogger, activist and photographer.



Leslie Michele, is a classically trained musician steeped in music that has grown out of the Black American experience. She has performed all over the world, and is dedicated to making music and taking action that brings change and transforms society for the better. She is a worship leader at Willow Chicago.

Lenora Rand manages The Many and writes most of the liturgies and lyrics for the band. She spent over 25 years as a creative director at one of the world's largest ad agencies. She now brings that experience to her work mentoring, consulting, leading meaning and vision workshops and running the ad agency she co-founded, SmallGood.



Gary Rand directs music and worship at Chicago's McCormick Theological Seminary. He is a veteran worship pastor and teacher, workshop leader, songwriter and music producer. He is the producer for The Many.



The Many at Your Church Ideas and Possibilities

The Many has shared their music in large denominational conferences, at major music festivals, and as keynote presenters in seminary lecture series. But often, our most memorable experiences are when we connect with churches, serving in worship, teaching, creating, partnering in the work of local communities. We offer a variety of ways that we can work together. Below are some possibilities. Maybe you can think of others. Be sure to ask if you have an idea.

Original Gatherings of Worship. Our most popular work is leading gatherings for worship which we have created. We have liturgies for liturgical seasons like Advent and Lent, and also issue oriented liturgies for any season. These liturgies work well as a special event - maybe a Sunday afternoon or a Tuesday evening, or a Friday or Saturday night. They are part theater, storytelling, prayer, Scripture reading and feature the music of The Many. You can get a sense of these liturgies at this link: <http://www.pluralguild.com/liturgies/>

We love to invite the participation of church people in these special gatherings. The liturgies include space for local prayers and traditions, and the help of church members in reading Scripture, prayers, or laments is encouraged. Often local choirs rehearse with The Many in the afternoon before a gathering and then sing along with the band in the performance to inspire the congregation to also take part.

We often participate in the Sunday morning worship of the churches that host us, as a part of the local liturgy, singing one or several of our songs. We write our songs with the idea that people will sing along, so we fit very well in congregational contexts.

We do workshops. For example, before a Saturday night event, along with a choir rehearsal, we might give a workshop, which would lead to a potluck supper, leading to the worship gathering. The Many is much more than music. We do workshops on a wide range of issues important to us, like race or LGBTQIA issues or liturgy and justice, as well as creative workshops like songwriting and liturgy writing. We are a diverse group with wide experience with the issues we sing about. We offer workshops that come from a place of deep commitment and feet on the ground knowledge.

Please email us with your ideas and questions. We would love to come to your church.
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