

SEAHAWK UPDATE

April 2022

BYRON SMITH **PROFESSOR OF MUSIC** **GOLDEN APPLE AWARD RECIPIENT**

Byron J. Smith, a Gardena, CA native, has been a faculty member of Los Angeles Harbor College for over 37 years. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree from California State University, Long Beach and his Master of Music degree from California State University, Los Angeles. Professor Smith brings his vast music industry experience to his students specializing in the commercial music field. He teaches music industry courses such as: The Business of Commercial Music, Songwriter's Workshop, Theory, Choir and both Commercial and Classical piano and voice.



Professor Smith free-lances as a music director, studio musician, arranger, and producer. He is a versatile musician whose experiences span the gamut of all styles of music and has worked with a variety of artist ranging from Barbra Streisand to Akon. He is the composer of the award-winning musical, "Children of the Night" where he won the NAACP Theater Image Award for best original score and best music direction. Other accolades include the "Outstanding Artistic Vision Award" by the Black Business Association of Los Angeles and an honoree of the Heritage Music Foundation in tribute to West Coast Gospel Music. Next year, Professor Smith will make his Carnegie Hall debut as he presents a concert conducting his compositions with choral ensembles from throughout the country.

Byron is the owner of Onyx Music Publishing. His choral works are performed worldwide by ensembles of all ages and styles. He is the immediate past President of the 103-year-old organization, the National Association of Negro Musicians, Inc., and serves on many boards and committees.

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Beyond all of these achievements, his greatest “gig” has been fostering the careers of young musicians at Los Angeles Harbor College. He takes pride in enlightening the minds of talented music students to the countless opportunities of a vast world of music. His students describe him as inspirational, awesome, powerfully engaging, extremely professional and helpful. His colleagues describe him as an outstanding educator who cares about his students and their success and an incredible person and colleague.



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OF OUR COMMUNITY.

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