



Mr. Tony Gordon

Tony Gordon is Assistant Professor of Music and University Organist at Alcorn State University. He also teaches applied Piano, class piano, music appreciation, piano literature, piano pedagogy, and serves as accompanist for the Department of Fine Arts, as well as university sponsored events. He assists with concerts, recitals, tours, and theater productions. A native of Natchez, Mississippi, he received his Master of Music degree in piano performance from The University of Southern Mississippi. His principle professors were Dr. Stanley Waldoff, Dr. Albert Gower, Dr. Mary Ann Stringer, and Dr. Paul Anderson. He received the Bachelor of Music degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in piano performance studying under Frank White. He also completed one year of Graduate Studies in piano performance at Eastern Michigan University studying under Joseph Gurt.

During his years at Southern University, he was a consistent first place winner of the **Tourgee Debose** National Piano competition held at Southern University. He has also served as guest artist and adjudicator for this competition for several past years. He had the privilege to be the guest artist/pianist for the National NAACP convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana some years ago. As a graduate student, he also performed with symphonic orchestra at the University of Southern Mississippi as a first prize winner in the piano concerto competition. One of the highlights of his career was performing for the Presidential Inauguration for George W. Bush along with the Alcorn State University Concert Choir. He also performed on the World Stage in Florida as well as the **"Gloria"** by Antonio Vivaldi at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Tony has cultivated his talents in jazz and gospel music, which has been exhibited through his talents for jazz ensembles, and as a professional recording church musician. He has recorded several gospel albums with various gospel artists, as well as accompanied several national professional gospel recordings artists that have performed at Alcorn State University and other venues. He is the Minister of Music for several local churches in the Natchez area. He also organizes and coordinates local gospel music workshops for local singers and musicians. He maintains a private studio for local musicians and mentors students in the local community. Mr. Gordon is a member of the Mississippi Music Teachers Association, Music Educator National Conference, National Association of Negro Musicians and the Gospel Music Workshop of America.