



The  
TRILOGY: AN OPERA COMPANY  
production of

# Bird that wants to Fly

An opera for children by Michael Raphael  
Story read by Danny Glover



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# **Bird That Wants To Fly**

Words and Music by Michael Raphael

*Based on a book by Diane Leslie Kaufman, MD with illustrations by Olya Kalatsei*

## **Cast**

Bird Melvinna Melrose Johnson  
Horse Kevin Maynor

## **Tracks**

1: The Story, Narrated By Danny Glover  
2-12: The Opera, In 11 Scenes.

*Produced by Glen Roven  
Executive Producers Ira Yuspeh and Mitch Yuspeh  
Book mixed and mastered by Ira Yuspeh  
Opera mixed and mastered by Marlan Barry*

**TAOC Arkeste** (orchestra)  
**CONDUCTED BY JULIUS WILLIAMS**

ALEXY ZAWISTOWSKI  
AMY BATEMAN  
JENNIFER AXELSON  
SAEKO YASUDA  
PATRICIA BILLINGS  
CLARISS HOWE  
JESSICA MCJUNKINS  
TOM DUBOSKI  
GREGORY MAKER  
KENNY WANG  
SAMMY BARETTO  
MARSHALL SEALY  
ANGEL NAVAREZ  
WILLIAM STEVENS  
ELI FOUNTAIN  
MEGAN BELANSKY  
FREDERIQUE GBAMAN  
KATE VICTOR  
WIESLAWA ZARKOWSKA  
HANNAH VAN DER SWAAGH

STAGE DIRECTOR - DONNA HOLMES  
CHOREOGRAPHY - ADRIENNE ARMSTRONG  
COSTUMES - GLENROY MARSH  
SET DESIGN - TONY DAVIDSON  
AUDIO ENGINEER - MARLAN BARRY  
VIDEOGRAPHER - JORDAN RENNERT AND PATRICK  
MEANEY

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The Children of Central High School and Stephen Ellis, for the backdrop

The Newark City Ballet

**TRILOGY: AN OPERA COMPANY** is committed to bringing people together for common growth. We believe nurturing hopes and wishes is vital to everyone - young and old - in our shared search for love and compassion.

**Kevin Maynor, Founder/Executive Director**

Celebrating eleven years in Newark, New Jersey, Kevin has sung on six continents and with leading opera companies throughout the world, including the New York City Opera, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Opera National De Rhin, Scottish Opera, Dallas Opera, Teatro Municipall de Santiago and concert halls such as Carnegie Hall, the Kravis Center, Avery Fisher Hall, the Beijing Opera House as well as the Metropolitan Opera House. Kevin is a Fulbright Award winner as well as a Richard Tucker Career Grant Award and George London Award winner. He is a graduate of Bradley University, Northwestern University, Moscow Conservatory (with an honorary degree) and a Doctoral Candidate of Indiana University.



Dedicated to the love in our hearts that heals all broken wings.



Academy Award nominee **Danny Glover** narrates this delightful story about a little bird who wants to soar but just can't gather the confidence!



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