

ESSENTIAL VOICES USA

BIO
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During the 2017-2018 season, EVUSA will launch recordings by Judith Clurman, Shawn Crouch, Jeremiah Klarman, and Stephen Schwartz's "Testimony" for Broadway Records. They will be heard at Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral in Washington D.C., and Brooklyn Heights Synagogue.

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EVEN SHORTER BIO
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