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Harlem Spiritual Ensemble
Sisters of Freedom
François Clemmons director
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Ensemble was created in order to keep alive the American Negro
Spiritual tradition.

FRANCOIS CLEMMONS (1938-2019)

Francios Clemmons (1938-2019) was a composer, musician, and
educator who founded the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble in 1986. He
was a noted pianist and composer who studied and performed
with many influential musicians, including Duke Ellington and
Miles Davis. Clemmons was also a respected teacher and
educator, and his work with the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble
was instrumental in preserving and promoting the spiritual singing
discipline. He passed away in 2019, leaving behind a legacy of
musical innovation and dedication to preserving American cultural
traditions.