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15th ANNUAL GOSPEL CHOICE AWARDS MUSIC, MINISTRY MAKE FOR UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT OF GOSPEL CELEBRATION

September 15, 2009 – Atlanta is known for its rich history of all genres of music. However, when it comes to Gospel, the Southern City stands out from the rest. This year, Hotlanta plays host to one of the top musical tributes of its kind—the 15th Annual Gospel Choice Awards, to be held Monday, September 28 at the Georgia World Congress Center. Red Carpet is at 5:00 p.m., invitation only Chosen Pastors Reception is at 6:00 p.m., Dinner is at 7:00 p.m., and the Awards Program is at 8:00 p.m.

Performers

The black-tie celebration honors the best in Gospel music—from Christian Rock, to traditional, to Gospel Jazz. Taking the stage: Emtro with Grammy-nominated Gospel Singer/Producer Troy Sneed; Gospel musicians David Huff; known as the Southern Rock pioneer of Christian music; and Gospel Jazz artist Antonio Allen. They will be joined by other noted Gospel acts: The Lamar Sisters; Derrick Starks and the Berean Christian Church Choir; The Bolton Brothers; Mark J; Wanda Trent-Phillips ; Dr. Kim C. Davis; Min. Clifford Duckworth and The Knu' – Worshup Gospel Choir ; and Monica Lisa Stevenson.

Nominees

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- ❖ Best in Holy Hip Hop
- ❖ Best Male Artist
- ❖ Best Female Artist
- ❖ Best New Artist
- ❖ Best Duo/Group
- ❖ Best Youth Choir
- ❖ Best Choir and Director
- ❖ Song of the Year

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Additionally, the Gospel Choice/Pepsi Bottling Group Community Outreach Award will be presented to *Church of the Year*. This award honors the church that exemplifies humanitarianism, has a direct impact on social issues within the community, and has active community outreach programs.

Special Awards

Radio veteran Larry Young will receive the *Lifetime Achievement Award* and Gospel songstress Babbie Mason the *Thomas A. Dorsey Award*. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Business Development Initiative, Inc., an entrepreneurial business development program for youth.

Chosen Pastors

Also to be honored, Ten Chosen Pastors from across Georgia who have made significant strides towards Kingdom-building. The honorees include:

- ❖ Dr. Gregory Fuller, Macedonia Baptist Church, Augusta, GA
- ❖ Mack Jackson, St. James Christian Fellowship, Tennille, GA
- ❖ Pastor Kerwin B. Lee, Berean Christian Church, Stone Mountain, GA
- ❖ Pastor Karl D. Moore, Clarkston First Baptist Church, Clarkston, GA
- ❖ Pastor Marvin A. Moss, Cascade United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA
- ❖ Pastor Motley, Lindsay Street Baptist, Atlanta, GA
- ❖ Bishop Matthew Norwood, Bible Way Ministries International, Atlanta, GA.
- ❖ Pastor Eddie D. Smith, Sr., Macedonia Baptist Church, Macon, GA.
- ❖ Bishop Dr. Jeronn C. Williams, New Life International Family Church, Decatur, GA.
- ❖ Joseph Wingo, Emmanuel Praise, Monroe, GA.

The Chosen Pastors, performers, and sponsors will also be recognized at an invitation only *Infinity of South Atlanta Reception* on September 24, 2009.

“We are excited to highlight a genre of music that history has proven can change lives, and honor those Pastors who are leading by example,” says Creed W. Pannell, Jr., Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Gospel Choice Awards who founded the show in 1994. From walking the Red Carpet to the spectacular evening of Gospel entertainment, the 15th Annual Gospel Choice Awards is one show you won’t want to miss!

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