

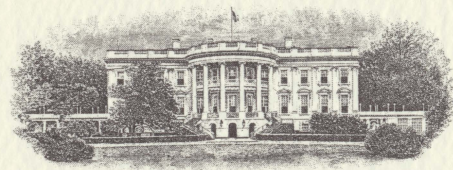


THE PRESIDENT
AND
MRS. LAURA BUSH

welcome you to
THE WHITE HOUSE

for a performance
celebrating America's Musical Heritage

A SALUTE TO GOSPEL MUSIC



Thursday, February 14, 2002

"GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, CALL ON HIS NAME;
MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE
HAS DONE. SING TO HIM, SING PRAISE TO HIM;
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL ACTS."

I Chronicles 16:8-9

Tonight's Salute to Gospel Music at the White House showcases the American gospel tradition over the past fifty years. Gospel music has evolved from its traditional heritage rooted in the Negro spiritual and the Appalachian-based idioms to urban and contemporary styles, which have transcended popular and secular culture. This evening will highlight the variety of gospel music while underscoring the music's fundamental messages of faith, hope, unity and love.

Remarks by
MRS. LAURA BUSH
THE PRESIDENT

Performances by
REVEREND SHIRLEY CAESAR
PATRICK LUNDY AND THE MINISTERS OF MUSIC
Rejoice

THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA
Soldier

THE GAITHER VOCAL BAND
When We All Get Together
Let Freedom Ring

CECE WINANS
I Surrender All
No One

JUMP5
God Bless The USA

STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN
Live Out Loud
God Is God

JACI VELASQUEZ
Manantial De Caricias
Adore

MICHAEL W. SMITH, THE MARTINS AND TWILA PARIS
Doxology
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
Above All
We Will Glorify

YOLANDA ADAMS
Never Give Up

CECE WINANS, SHIRLEY CAESAR
AND YOLANDA ADAMS
ACCOMPANIED BY FULL CHORUS
Gospel Medley

CECE WINANS

As part of a musical dynasty, The Winans Family, CeCe Winans continues to be one of the recording industry's most respected performers by both her fans and peers. The four-time Grammy Award winner's fifteen year career has yielded many awards and honors, including ten Dove Awards, five Stellar Awards, three Image Awards and a Soul Train Music Award. CeCe has been a solo artist for several years and records for the label she founded, CW Wellspring Entertainment.

MICHAEL W. SMITH

Michael Smith has become one of the most enduringly popular artists on the Christian Contemporary Music front. His fifteen albums have yielded twenty-seven Dove Awards, two Grammy Awards and an American Music Award. He has sold more than seven million copies, reaching gold and platinum status.

REVEREND SHIRLEY CAESAR

As one of gospel music's true matriarchs, Gospel Music Hall of Fame member Shirley Caesar has been singing songs and blazing trails for forty years. Her thirty-five albums, including ten Grammy Awards, seventeen Dove Awards and twelve Stellar Awards, have made Caesar one of the genre's most decorated artists. In June 2001, Reverend Caesar was honored as a "Living Legend" during the White House celebration in commemoration of Black Music Month.

PATRICK LUNDY AND THE MINISTERS OF MUSIC

Founded in 1994 by its current director, Patrick P. Lundy, The Ministers of Music are made up of some of the most outstanding vocalists and musicians in the Washington Metropolitan area. Tonight's nine member ensemble is part of a larger, forty-five member choir which has performed with numerous gospel greats and appeared on stage and national television. The Ministers of Music have recorded two CDs, "We Sing the Power" and "You Carried Me" and will soon complete and release a third.

BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA

As fellow students at Alabama's Talladega Institute for the Deaf and Blind, this sixty-four-year-old legendary ensemble boasts some of traditional gospel's finest musicians. Founded by Clarence Fountain in 1937, the Blind Boys of Alabama have racked up multiple accolades, including three Grammy Award nominations and a starring role in the Broadway musical "Gospel at Colonus" as well as the NEA National Heritage Fellowship. Performing tonight are, Clarence Fountain, Jimmy Carter, George Scott, Ricky McKinnie, Caleb Butler and Joey Williams. They continue to record, and released *Spirit of the Century* in 2001.

GAITHER VOCAL BAND

Founded by gospel legend Bill Gaither, the Gaither Vocal Band is one of Southern gospel's premiere groups. Featuring the talents of Gospel Music Hall of Fame member Bill Gaither, David Phelps, Russ Taff and Guy Penrod, the Gaither Vocal Band has won seven Dove Awards over the past eleven years, and in 1991, a Grammy for Best Southern Gospel Album. Gaither's popular "Homecoming & Friends" and other music videos earned his company, Spring House Music Group, the award of Top Music Video Company in 2000 by Billboard magazine.

JUMP5

Some of the newest members on the music scene, the young members of Jump5 are quickly making their mark nationwide. Trained as competitive dancers, gymnasts and vocalists, talented teens Lesley Moore, Libby Hodges, Chris Fedun, and brother and sister Brandon and Brittany Hargest recently recorded the patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA" at the request of Radio Disney—part of the network's efforts to uplift young Americans after September 11th.

STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN

For over two decades, Steven Curtis Chapman has remained one of Christian music's prominent performers and leaders on stage and off. Since 1987, he has sold more than six million albums and won four Grammy Awards and forty-five Dove Awards, making him the most honored artist in Dove Awards' history. Chapman and his wife, Mary Beth, have started a foundation to help families who want to adopt. They were recently honored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute for their strong, personal commitment to adoption.

JACI VELASQUEZ

At the young age of fourteen, Jaci Velasquez, now twenty-two, burst onto the music scene with her debut release, *Heavenly Place*, which quickly became the fastest-selling solo debut in Christian music history. In 2000, the four-time Dove Award winner expanded her reach, recording two Spanish albums, earning her multiple honors, including a 2001 Grammy Award nomination for Latin Pop Album of the Year.

THE MARTINS

Blending harmonies of three parts Tennessee smooth and one part Arkansas wallop, siblings Joyce Martin McCollough, Jonathan Martin and Judy Martin Hess have emerged as some of Christian music's most respected vocalists. After more than ten years of music ministry, The Martins have earned six Dove Awards and a Grammy Award nomination.

TWILA PARIS

For the past twenty years, Twila Paris has penned and sung more than two hundred songs, impacting lives and churches worldwide with worship standards like "He Is Exalted" and "Lamb of God." Paris has nine Dove Awards, including three for Female Vocalist of the Year, thirty-two number-one radio singles and numerous songwriting achievements.

YOLANDA ADAMS

Known critically as one of gospel music's "seminal" voices, Yolanda Adams has taken the world by storm in the past four years. Her 1999 album *Mountain High... Valley Low* made the former elementary school teacher the best-selling gospel artist in 2000. Over the past fifteen years, she has won one Grammy Award, three Dove Awards, five Stellar Awards and a 2002 American Music Award in the show's inaugural Contemporary Inspirational Music category. Yolanda also performed during the pre-game ceremonies of Super Bowl XXXVI.

THIS EVENING'S BAND

Michael Omartian *Band Director*

Mark Baldwin *Guitar*

David Cleveland *Guitar*

John Hammond *Percussion*

Blair Masters *Keyboard*

Tommy Sims *Bass Guitar*

*With special appreciation to
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