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Award Winning Producer, Songwriter, Singer

STAN JONES

Stan Jones was born in Mississippi Delta and begin demonstrating his range as artistic gifts at a young age with music surrounding him at every turn. This undeniable gifts of this highly sought after Singer/Songwriter/Producer were nurtured in his early years and continue to amass inevitable awards and recognition amongst continued growth.

Multi Award Winning, Grammy nominated Songwriter and Producer Stan Jones has been honored for his success as a writer and producer of the soul-stirring worship ballad "All I Need," recorded by Brian Courtney Wilson. "All I Need" spent 92 weeks on the

Billboard Hot Gospel Song Chart breaking the all-time record for the longest-running current single ever in the history of Gospel Billboard Gospel Charts. 2010 Billboard Year-End charts would name Stan Jones as the #3 Songwriter and #4 Producer of the Year. Jones' Above STANdard Publishing was also ranked as #3 Top Producer among other honors in the Gospel.

"All I Need" went on to receive a ASCAP Award and 2011 GMA Dove Award Nomination for Urban Recorded Song of the Year.



Popular music accredited to Stan Jones includes penning the chart topping Hit single "He Has His Hands On You" on the Here I Am CD by eight time Grammy Nominee Marvin Sapp; the chart topping single "I Recommend Jesus" by the award winning Canton Spirituals; the Hit single "Happy" by Tim Rogers & The Fellas as well as writing and producing "I Worship Your Name," a Billboard charting single from the Grammy Nominated.

Trin-i-tee 5:7 project, Angel & Channele which debuted at #1 on both Billboard's Top R&B/Hip Hop Album Chart, #5 on the Independent Chart and #19 on the Billboard 200.

Stan Jones had production and writing for The Canton Spirituals, The Mississippi Mass Choir "God's On Your Side" the single from Marvin Sapp "You Shall Live", and producing the traditional gospel segment for the "Allstate Gospel Superfest" television show.

Stan Jones has also started a new record label called CLOUT Music in partnership with TYSCOT records and Warner Brothers Music, signing his first artist Durward Davis who broke top 30 on Mediabase Gospel Chart.





Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a STANDARD. Jeremiah 50:2

STANDARD was organized in 2010 by a group of young men, Rodney Martin, Quintez Matthews, Melvin Minor, Shawn Wilson, and William Walker that shared the same vision. Their vision was to uplift the Kingdom of God through song. Through the vision that they shared, they also came to realize that their was a purpose for this vision, and that purpose was to show not only Christians, but also other young people that all young men are not in the streets, and that there is hope for this generation.

STANDARD has a unique history in the quarter music. They have been a part of some of the best quarter singing ministries in the City of Indianapolis. To name a few, Mighty Quotations, Wayne & The Daytonians, Christian Souls, Gospel Travelers, John Lacy & Gospel Sensations, Ben & The Sounds of Salvations, and Sjuwana Springfield & The Children of God.

STANDARD has also been blessed with a unique sound that not producing the hand clapping, feet stomping quartet music, but also incorporate Praise & Worship in their ministry, in which they strongly believe GOD richly deserves.

STANDARD has just realized their freshman album "EIGHT" NEW BEGINNING, which has been blessed to debut on the BILLBOARD Gospel charts at #14. The album features some

of today's great talents and gospel artist. To name a few, Charles Brown, and Jonathan Atkins (THE WELLS BROTHER), Maurice Yancey (ONE ACCORD), Darnell (BUSTER) Williams, (THE WILLIAMS SINGERS), Reuben Spearman, (Soul Musik), Mondre Bynum, and Antonio Henley, (BAND GEEK MUSIC GROUP).

Although STANDARD has been united for a short period of time, the have shared the stage with some of the best ministries in quartet gospel. Canton Spirituals, Tim Rogers & The Fellas, The Williams Singers, and Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson.

GOD is truly blessing STANDARD and they will continue to uplift his Kingdom.



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CEO Of Band Geek Music Group
Antonio L. Henley

From Musician to CEO, Antonio Henley has been one of the industry's most sought after guitarist. Antonio has played on countless albums and have also toured with gospel artist and Grammy and Stellar Award winner J Moss and Has been apart of several award winning albums such as The Rance Allen Group "Celebrate" which received a stellar award for traditional Gospel album of the year. Lamar Campbell "Open The Sky", which chart on Billboard and was nominated for a stellar and Dove Award for worship album of the year. Antonio not only was the Lead Guitarist on The Williams singers latest release "In Real Time" he also was the Coordinator of the album as well. In October 2016, Antonio Henley launched Record Label Band Geek Music Group. signing R&B and soul Artist Anthony Arnett, Brianna Terrell, Izzy A'More and leading artist Alaina Renae. The label first Album was released November 25th 2016, from Alaina Renae entitled "The Introduction". The album marked the first record produced by Antonio. The album debuted on The Heatseekers Billboard charts at #4 and top sellers list on Google play and Amazon. In February of 2017 Antonio launched a gospel division, Signing new urban quartet group Standard, Stellar Award Nominees The Williams Singers, Devante Lamont and Renewed, and Maurice Yancey And One Accord. BGMG has 3 Billboard Charting Albums, with 2 Top 5 Top Gospel Albums. Under the leadership of Antonio Henley and the BGMG team, Band Geek Music Group is sure to become a house hold name in the music industry.

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LIL JAY & THE SPIRITUAL BOYS

Lil Jay and the Spiritual Boys, affectionately known as TSB or The Rated R Boyz, is New Jersey's own next generation to be trailblazers in the quartet ministry. They are a talented, spiritually rooted and grounded group of young men that can sing, will sing and love to give GOD their best praise.

“...honor to be 2017 Stellar Award Nominees for “Quartet of the Year! Making history as well with Lil Jay being the youngest to be nominated for such an award.”

They are not new to this industry for they have been blessed to successfully record three (3) CD's: including their first single cd, "I'm Not Alone", followed by "Jesus Was Right There" and now they are hitting the airways captivating listeners all across the country with their new CD entitled "RATED R".

This compilation allowed TSB once again to share the good news of God through song. It continually shows their growth, their strength and their tenacity to bless GOD for all that he has and continues to do for them. It is evident that these young men are on the right track simply because their hard work has not gone unnoticed. Which has allowed TSB to receive awards for

their outstanding accomplishments such as: New Jersey's McDonald's GospelFest Finalist, recipients of 2 Rhythm of Gospel Awards for Traditional Quartet of the Year and CD of the year, 2 S&M Indie Awards for Traditional Male Quartet Group of the Year and CD of the year, being presented the Passing of the Torch Award in their home state, New Jersey by the Quartet Unity, and recently, the esteemed honor to be 2017 Stellar Award Nominees for "Quartet of the Year!"

Making history as well with Lil Jay being the youngest to be nominated for such an award. Lil Jay and the Spiritual Boys are so overwhelmed and overjoyed. God is so GOOD and FAITHFUL!





TSB has been blessed and privileged to share the stage with the likes of many quartet greats such as: The Mighty Clouds of Joy, The Williams Brothers, Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC's, Spencer Taylor and the Highway QC's, Doc McKenzie and the Hi-Lites, The Gospel Legends, George Dean and the Gospel Four, Bishop Darrell McFadden and the Disciples, and so many more! An honor that they don't take lightly but are forever thankful for the opportunity.

TSB leaves their audiences mesmerized every time with a HIGH PRAISE! They are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and they desire to encourage others, especially the younger generation, to

bless God at all times. Don't be afraid to TRY JESUS! They believe that if you tell somebody how good God is, they too will know that in their time of need YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Their new message to everyone is, you are going to need the Lord ONE OF THESE DAYS. And if you trust him and never doubt, STEP BY STEP God will make a way!

It is for sure that God has really blessed these young men and his hand is definitely upon them. If Lil Jay and the Spiritual Boys are ever in your area make sure you are there! For if you are not, you will miss a spiritual treat!! You definitely don't want to miss what thus saith the Lord through

TSB and their music ministry!

They will truly leave your spirit EDIFIED, make sure God will be GLORIFIED and they WILL make the devil TERRIFIED!

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Psalmist Raine

One of the Gospel Music Community's Favorite Worship Leaders!



If there is one word that defines the heart of the music ministry of Psalmist Raine that word is “worship”. Her passion for God and her gifting of music collaborate to create a dynamic and unforgettable worship experience.

Anyone who has witnessed this anointed vessel give honor to the Lord in a live setting knows that this woman isn't about show, form or fashion, but her sole goal is to move the heart of God.

One of the Gospel music community's favorite worship

leaders, Psalmist Raine, stunned the Gospel music community with the release of her live prophetic recording, Refresh Worship Live, in 2016 and she's shows no sign of stopping now.

Psalmist Raine is already refreshing the masses of the world and that's just a taste of the gifts that this talented woman of God has been given.

Psalmist Raine's ministry has flourished in the past few years. Psalmist Raine has released a total of 4 albums to date - Believe Again- The Live

Experience (2013), ReFresh Worship Live (2016), To Abba (2017), & the highly anticipated new release ReRefresh Worship Live 2 - For The Nations - Live in ATL (2018). Gaining a national following, Psalmist Raine's, To Abba project hit #14 on the Billboard Top Gospel Albums Chart in May of 2017.



The winner of the Peculiar Artist Award from Kierra Sheard's BRL (Bold Right Life) Chicago Chapter. Psalmist Raine recently dropped a new concept video of To Abba's lead single, "The Lord's Prayer".

She's been blessing people all over the country with appearances on TBN, TCT, Cornerstone TV, LeSea's Harvest Show and WATC-TV's Babbie's House. She's been a featured story on multiple magazines and sites.

Last summer she performed at MegaKidz at MegaFest and took her ReFresh Worship Live tour nationwide. She also is the program director and host of her own internet radio show, the Morning Refresh Show, on WayofLyfeRadio.com. She can be heard on Tuesday Mornings from 9AM – 12PM CST.

Psalmist Raine is the Founder and President of The ReFresh Institute, Inc./ReFresh Global - an not for profit organization designed to provide creative arts development training and mentorship for creatives of all ages. Launched in 2016, ReFresh Global has impacted youth ages 4+, providing a positive and creative avenue for the expressive of their talents and gifts.

Currently, Psalmist Raine is hosting a mentorship program developing next level worshippers.

An ordained elder, prophetess and worship arts pastor, Psalmist Raine has not forgotten to serve in her home, being a wife to Apostle Jalani McCaa and mother of three, as well as her home church, Life in Christ Family Worship Center, under the leadership of Apostles Royal & Kimberly McClinton.

teaching in workshop, seminars, and conferences.

Everything Psalmist Raine endeavors to do is focused on One vision - "ReFreshing The World One Encounter At A Time!"

For Bookings & More information about Psalmist Raine, visit www.berefresh.com

Psalmist Raine takes the time to help mentor, train, and teach others purity in worship through musical worship encounters and

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram, Twitter, FB - @PsalmistRaine
FB - Psalmist Raine & The ReFresh Team

DISCOGRAPHY

Believe Again - The Live Experience (2013)
ReFresh Worship Live (2016)
To Abba (2017)
ReFresh Worship Live 2 - For The Nations (2018)

COMING SOON: NEW BOOK

Release The Manna - The Foundational Charge of Prophetic Worship

Breast Cancer Awareness

It is disturbing to discover that 1 out of every 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer at some point over the course of her life. Second only to skin cancer, that makes breast cancer the most common cancer attacking women's bodies and quite possibly ending their lives prematurely. This disease can attack men as well; one out of every thousand.

Although the death rate from breast cancer has been gratefully declining since 1989, nonetheless the death rate remains second-highest among women with cancer, second to lung cancer. According to Breastcancer.org, it is estimated that 40,450 women died from breast cancer in 2015, roughly one out of every six who have had

the disease diagnosed.

It is sadly interesting to note that African-American women are particularly hard hit by breast cancer. The breast cancer rate among black women under the age of 45 is higher than that of white, Asian, Hispanic or Native American women.

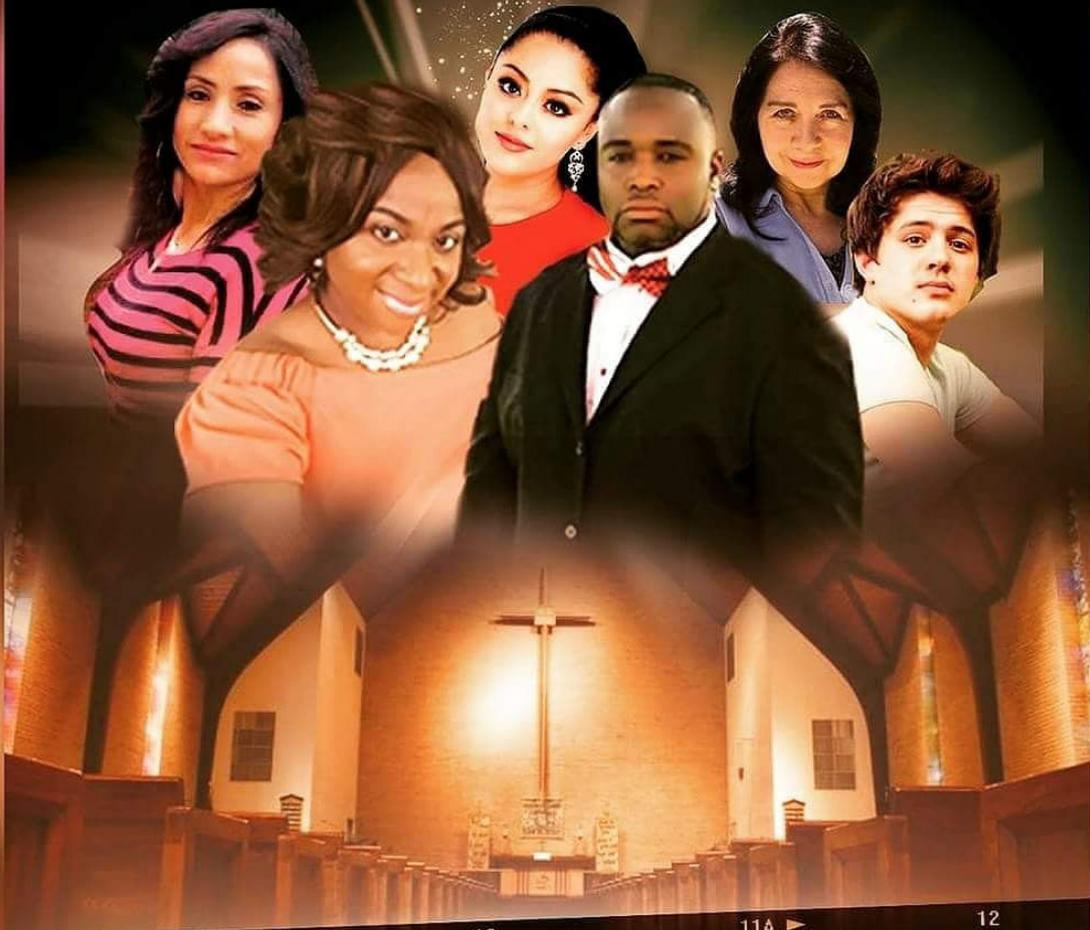
To find out if you are at risk, first look at your own family ancestry. A woman's risk of breast cancer doubles if she has a mother, sister or daughter who has been diagnosed with the disease. However, just because there is no incidence in your family tree do not assume you are safe. Less than 15% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have had a family member diagnosed with it.

JHGM understands that many of its readers are fearful of the costs of breast cancer screening tests. That is why we urge you to consult the listings of low-cost or no-cost screening services provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). If you are on-line, the link is here: <http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/screenings.htm>. You can also call the CDC, toll-free at 1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636).

JHGM urges you to get the information to stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy a full life. And if you are already a victim of breast cancer, if you are battling the disease right now, you will be in our daily prayers. You will never be alone.



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JAY ALLEN

Jay Allen has a passion for the hurting. It's his desire to encourage wounded people that spurred his music career.

Known as an impressive singer and a gifted songwriter, Allen is reassuring believers and asking them to hold on with his unique brand of inspirational music. Delivering a fresh style of Gospel music wrapped in urban melodies and rhythms, Jay Allen made his official debut as a recording artist with his new CD entitled Broken People.

Born in Cleveland, OH, Allen was raised by his grandparents in Alabama. Church was a regular part of his life with his grandparents taking him to church every Sunday. Moved by what he heard, at the age of 13, he gave his life to the Lord. Music was part of his church and family experience. Both of his grandparents sang, but his grandfather was a member of a Gospel quartet. Jay accompanied him to his quartet engagements and ultimately Jay was bitten by the music bug himself.

Gifted with a great voice, his family encouraged him to sing regularly. He realized how much he loved music and hoped he would be able to do it professionally one day. His mother and

siblings lived in Cleveland at the time and Jay traveled there during the summer. His family members loved

music as well and during the summertime, he and his brothers and sisters would sing with brooms and mops, pretending they were the Jackson 5. He didn't just sing at home, however; he also joined his church choir. Jay took piano and guitar lessons, and eventually learned the trumpet and drums.

After honing his singing skills, he joined a band and gained a reputation as a sought-after wedding singer.

As his love of music grew, a desire for preaching grabbed hold of his heart, too. He was called to preach in 1999. Later on, he tried his hand at songwriting, and was getting ready to get quite serious with it until he was called to pastor just a few years after he was called to preach. He flourished as pastor at two churches in Alabama. During a hiatus from pastoral ministry – after 17 years – he felt the call to go back to music and tried his hand at writing again. After a very trying time in his life, the lyrics to “Broken People” came to him. The experience was the catalyst

and more songs were birthed resulting in Jay Allen's debut release, Broken People.

The single's title track is the project's lead single. A relaxing and uplifting track, “Broken People”, flaunts a soulful, old school vibe. With relatable lyrics and a performance filled with passion, the song is one of the strongest on the artist's project.

Those who enjoy good music will also enjoy the praise and worship-tinged song, “More and More”. Perfect for Sunday morning worship or intimate times of praise, the song is a ballad sung directly to the Lord. Clearly gifted as a songwriter, songs like the Easter-themed “He Didn't Come Down” and the pensive, emotive “Hiding From You” are gems as well. Allen's writing comes from a very personal and authentic place, apparent on tracks like “Real To Me”.

Jay Allen is determined to help heal the hurting giving them the message of the Gospel through song. Broken People is just the beginning.

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LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

Who Does Lupus Affect?

Lupus fact: Lupus affects more women than men. About 90% of people living with lupus are women. While nobody knows for certain why lupus occurs, scientists believe many factors combine to cause it. These may include hormones and environmental factors. Lupus also appears to have a genetic component and can run in families.

What Triggers Lupus?

Lupus fact: A number of factors may potentially trigger the disease, including infections, toxins, and environmental factors. Ultraviolet light, such as sunlight, has been shown to trigger lupus disease activity in up to 70% of people living with lupus.

Diagnosing Lupus

Lupus fact: Lupus affects everyone differently. Symptoms are wide-ranging and can change over time. This unpredictability can make lupus difficult to diagnose. An accurate diagnosis can take months or even years to determine. However, certain symptoms are fairly common. For example, the skin is usually involved. Specific symptoms include rashes, sun sensitivity, nose and mouth sores, and hair loss.

The start of lupus may be acute, appearing like an infection, or it may be a succession of vague or seemingly disconnected symptoms over time. Because the symptoms come and go and vary for each person, evaluation by a healthcare professional well-acquainted with lupus—most often a rheumatologist—is critical for an accurate diagnosis. This evaluation may include a physical examination, laboratory tests, including blood tests, and a complete medical history. Specific tests a healthcare professional might use to evaluate disease activity in lupus include the Physicians Global Assessment (PGA) and the SLEDAI (Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index) score.

For additional information about lupus, please visit these sites or contact these organizations.

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) Lupus information from the US government.

http://www.niams.nih.gov/Health_Info/Lupus/default.asp

Lupus Foundation of America

The largest national non-profit voluntary health organization dedicated to the lupus community, research and support.

<http://www.lupus.org/>

Lupus Research Institute

Information on new research and scientific efforts to prevent, treat, and cure lupus.

<http://www.lupusresearchinstitute.org/>

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INTRODUCING...

Elaine Haynes

"It is my passion to do what is needed to avoid seeing another young life thrown away,



Elaine is a mother, author, youth & women's inspirational and motivational speaker. She founded a 501c3 non-profit organization, 3D; Divas, Diamonds & Destinies, for youth girls in 2016. In her one-on-one, hands-on quest to empower youth, she noticed a pattern of anxiety, depression and low self-confidence among adolescents, teens, and young adults. She ventured out to become the, Youth Confidence Coach.

Her sole purpose is connect with the youth in an effective and positive manner. She shared with The Gainesville Times, "It is my passion to do what is needed to avoid seeing another young life thrown away, lost or destroyed because of circumstances beyond their control" She speaks to motivate and inspire youth at various functions and events. Her ultimate goal is to motivate all children to see their potential and live their lives full of confidence and not fear failure.

As a single mom of three young men, there were times that she really wanted to throw in the towel, give up, and just "do her". It was during those times that she looked into the eyes of her children and gained a source of strength, power and tenacity that empowered her to fight harder. She is a firm believer that there are not any losers in a fight; some walk away with a title, but others walk away with a learned lesson. It is all about perspective.

She is currently attending Southern New Hampshire University, acquiring her BA Psychology w/concentration in Child & Adolescent Development. Although it gets hard to balance and maintain, she is endowed when she gets a glimpse at what her learning and growing will bring to the lives of others. Elaine has achieved a Certificate of Completion from Fort Gordon Youth Challenge Academy as a mentor. She fully supports the No Child Left Behind Act, believing all youth deserve a chance to succeed!

She is a youth pastor in her community, but not because she is perfect. She is transparent, stating, "I make mistakes, but I learn from them, and continue to press forward." Elaine tells everyone, "I have faith, grace and mercy- I'm not here to judge others, but here to give insight from a biblical point for those seeking spiritual guidance. I remind them: All tests lead to testimonies – as long as quitting is not an option!"

Her life has been an uphill journey, but she believes it is God's tailored journey to her destiny. She hold the keys to help young people understand that although the journey may be challenging, difficult at times, and appear to be unconquerable, it is okay! KEEP MOVING, FORWARD.

Her favorite color is a symbol of her spirit, Orange which is vibrant. Elaine's weaknesses are Starbucks, chocolate and pralines. Life's goal is to travel abroad, especially to various Caribbean Islands.

She has authored her first book, Mirror! Mirror! Confidence Changes Your View. In this book she shares three keys that are sure to change their view from impossible to I'm possible:

First Key: Self-Investing

Second Key: Self-Confidence

Third Key: Self-Perception.

She also gives a strategy to re-align your emotions to help create a genuine smile, Self-Compassion. She has finally seen herself in a new perspective. She learned to look in her mirror with Confidence- it changed her view. She has

transformed from being timid into a motivating, inspiring author and speaker. Mirror, Mirror will change your view about Confidence; Confidence will change your view of you. Be sure to get your copy.

She offers one-on-one coaching services to adolescents, teens and young adults. These services range from goal setting to building unbreakable confidence that leads to unapologetic success.



RUTH BLACK AND THE HARMONETTES

Ruth Black and the Harmonettes is a group of young women from Alexander City, Alabama. They have been singing gospel music for more than a decade.

The members of the group are as follows:

Ruth Black Burns, Alexander City, AL
Stephanie Hicks, Alexander City, AL
Yvonne Burton, Alexander City, AL
Shelia Wilson, Alexander City, AL
Felecia Johnson, Alexander City, AL

Ruth Black and the Harmonettes recently finished their last CD project "All At Once".

****The following list includes a few of the many accolades we've received over the years:

1st place winner of the Exclesisa Showcase Extravaganza for 2018 (Memphis, TN)

Honored by The American Gospel Quartet Convention at the 27th Annual Convention on January 17, 2018 (Birmingham, AL)

Inducted as the National Female Gospel Artist of the Year on May 14, 2017 (Birmingham, AL)

2nd place winner of the Exclesisa Showcase Extravaganza for 2017 (West Memphis, AK)

Outstanding Female Gospel Quartet Group on November 18, 2017 (Rochester, NY)

Received Praise Factor People's Choice Award (Season 5) for Female Quartet of the Year Award for the year 2015 (Atlanta, GA)

Received the 3rd Annual Golden Cup Celebration Award for 2014 (Tallahassee, FL)

Nomination for Alabama's Female Gospel Group of the Year (2013 & 2014)

Outstanding Gospel Group for the year 2013 (Sylacauga, AL)

JADERREL BUCHANAN **AKA [REV. BUDDY]**



Jadarrel Buchanan has a matchless passion for singing Gospel Quartet Music.

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SYDNEY HOPSON

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Eight year old Sydney Hopson is brave and open in her love of Our Lord, standing boldly and shares the Spoken Word of God to various audience types at a time when many have turned a deaf ear to God's Word, religion, spirituality, and faith.. She especially focuses on quick and unconditional forgiveness. Sydney is compassionate and wants to hold fundraisers for kids that don't have homes or enough food to eat. Sydney And at a time when church attendance is at an all time low, she serves others by sharing God's truths from His Holy Word.

Pastor Marquis Cooper was a Guest Speaker for a District Youth Conference at Christ Temple Church in Conway, Arkansas. Sydney, was a guest recitalist on the same program. Minister Cooper had an opportunity to hear her recite the ABC scriptures of the Bible. from A to Z along with the references. A Bible Quiz Bowl followed the speaking engagement. After service, Sydney gave Minister Cooper one of her contact cards and presented him a copy of the Winc. Magazine's Mother's Day Issue May 2016, which featured information about Sydney and her Christian recital journey. The two page

article included Sydney photographed with Governor Asa Hutchinson at the Arkansas State Capitol. The two of them had engaged in a 2 way Bible verse recital at his office suite earlier this year.

SERVICE TO CHURCH, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY

Sydney's Word Recitals have been helpful to many people throughout Arkansas, Alabama, Washington, D.C. and beyond. Her kingdom building work for the Lord has reached other countries as well as printed in worldwide religious media. Sydney has recited scripture and recited at the bedside of dying people. She has recited scriptures of comfort at wakes. Sydney has recited scripture at various events during this presidential campaign season as well as written songs for political candidates. She does not limit her scripture recitals to churches; she appears on various venues to reach the church as the unchurched. Sydney recites scripture at her school for faculty and staff, at birthday and retirement celebrations, at Martin Luther King celebrations, and community events such as ArtsFest. The Lord has always provided for

her needs associated with her engagements through love offerings and donations. Sydney recites memorized scripture each Sunday she is able to be in attendance at Greater Friendship M.B. Church in Conway where Dr. Houston White is Pastor. Sydney shares her spiritual gifts of recitation, piano playing, and singing during youth pageants. Sydney loves to have church at home and anywhere kids are gathered. She participates in church programs at local, district, state, and national levels. Her first national appearance was with the National Baptist Convention SW Youth Conference summer 2016.

THE ABC GIRL



“SYDNEY
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Sydney loves learning year round. She approaches homework assignments with enthusiasm. She loves teaching others and learning from others. She likes taking notes. “Syd” is very inquisitive. For her age, she displays a high level of intellectual curiosity. Sydney engages in critical thinking concerning the world around her. She watches CNN and other NEWS channels, and comments or questions what she sees. Sydney so far has achieved all As in school and made the Principal’s List. Her second grade all A GPA would be equivalent to a 4.0. Sydney believes her teachers at Conway Christian School are the best teachers “ever”. Although Sydney missed two days of school while in DC attending the opening of the Smithsonian African American History and Culture Museum, the event was an educational session all of its own, including the 13 hour wait for a flight out to D.C. and the scenic car journey through the hills and mountains back to Arkansas.

Sydney’s Baptism was televised on the Jody LUV Gospel Video Show on Channel 16 on September 18, 2016. The Honorable Mayor William Johnson, of West Memphis, Arkansas issued Sydney a service proclamation during its City Council meeting on July 21, 2016. Data is being sought to determine if Sydney is the youngest person to have received such a proclamation of its kind.

The Proclamation stated “Sydney is a very talented and gifted girl who loves to recite and aspires to do her best as she recites during church services, community functions, and other events. Due to the great demand for her knowledge of the Bible, she has been contacted all over the United States and hopes to one day travel to other countries to display her Biblical knowledge. The Executive Branch of the City of West Memphis joins with Sydney Hopson and her family and wish her much success on all her endeavors, and proclaimed July 21, 2016 as “Ms. Sydney Hopson Day in West Memphis, Arkansas.”

Sydney has now been nominated for a prestigious SRS Award, specifically the Female Youth Capital Award.



“ABC Girl,” stand with Gov. Asa Hutchinson at the State Capitol in Little Rock.



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