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FOUNDER’S GREETING
Because of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the closing of the Orleans Theater in Las Vegas we have had to reschedule the production of our 35th Annual Stellar Awards as a Virtual-at-Home television special celebrating “The Greatest Night in Gospel Music!” We have assembled the biggest lineup of Gospel music performers, presenters and celebrities to honor the 2020 Stellar special honorees and nominees in all 28 award categories, where the winners will receive the distinguished Stellar Award trophy.

I am also pleased to announce that we will be presenting special tributes to the front line First Responders of the COVID Pandemic throughout the show by our Stellar Awards co-hosts.

As a leading television production company targeting Black audiences for the past 50 years, I am proud of the great success we are having in the continuing development of our two byproducts from the Stellar Awards: our Stellar TV (STV) broadcast network launching in 4th quarter of 2021; and the National Museum of Gospel Music (NMGM) also scheduled to break ground in 4th quarter of 2021.

The Stellar TV Network will be the first Black-owned, Faith, Family and Gospel music entertainment network targeting Black audiences around the world, with new and original programming plus the exclusive content from the vast Stellar Awards library. The National Museum of Gospel Music will be the first Gospel museum in the world to share and document the rich history of Gospel music’s soundtrack of “good news” and its fight for freedom and equality as an ambassador of goodwill around the globe. The museum will be a world-class attraction located in historic Bronzeville on the South side of Chicago, known to many as the “Home of Gospel Music” and situated on the site of landmark Pilgrim Baptist Church. Pilgrim was destroyed by fire in 2006 and was the home of the Father of Gospel Music, the great Thomas A. Dorsey.

The synergy and growing popularity of the Stellar Awards, along with God’s guidance and blessings, continues to contribute to the success of the Stellar TV Network and the National Museum of Gospel Music. These bold and exciting visions for the world are “good news” waiting to be sung. Your voice as a fan and supporter of the Stellar Awards is needed to join the chorus. I invite you to add your capacity of funding support, leadership and passion toward bringing these magnificent visions to life. The entire Gospel music industry collaborations and partnerships have raised their voices and joined the choir in support of these visions. For information on how you can join the chorus for these visionary projects contact us at www.thestellarawards.com.

I want to thank the Gospel music record companies, artists, radio stations, announcers, distributors, promoters and managers for working with us on our Stellar Awards and these exciting projects. Additionally, I want to recognize our faith-based church
partners who continue to promote the Stellar Awards and our projects to their congregation of Gospel music fans across the country partners who continue to promote the Stellar Awards and our projects to their congregation of Gospel music fans across the country.

Because the COVID 19 Pandemic is forcing us to produce the Stellar Awards as a Virtual-at-Home television special, we are moving our Stellar Honors Hall of Fame Awards to next year in March of 2021, where I will be especially pleased to bestow the 2021 Stellar Honors to: Kerry Douglas, Founder and CEO of Black Smoke Music Worldwide; Dr. Teresa Hairston, Founder of Gospel Today Magazine and the Gospel Heritage Foundation; and Skip Barrett, who has served as Executive Producer and A&R on more than 35 major recording projects.

Our other distinguished special awards will also be moved because of the Pandemic to the 2021 Stellar Awards and include: The James Cleveland Lifetime Achievement Award, which is presented to the Clark Sisters, who have collectively received 15 Stellar Awards in addition to being honored as the Thomas Dorsey Most Notable Achievement Recipients in 2007; the Aretha Franklin Icon Award to Tramaine Hawkins, multiple Stellar, Grammy, BMI and Dove award–winning songstress and member of the legendary Hawkins Family of singers; the Ambassador Bobby Jones Legends Award to Pastor Shirley Caesar in honor of her over 50-year legacy in Gospel music; and the Thomas A. Dorsey Most Notable Achievement Award to Dr. Leonard Scott, co-founder of Tyscot Records, the oldest operating black-owned Gospel label in the world.

As we settle in to enjoy the 35th Annual Stellar Awards, I can’t help but reflect on the memories, gratifying experiences and the impact the Stellars has had on the Gospel music community, the careers of our Gospel music artists, and the broader reach of Gospel music.

You are truly in for a virtual treat this year! In particular, you will enjoy the leaders of the new school of Gospel music as our co-hosts - Jonathan McReynolds and Koryn Hawthorne — our youngest co-hosts in the history of the Stellar Awards. They will be joined by career veteran of the Stellar Awards, Kirk Franklin.

I want to especially thank AT&T, our titled sponsor for the past 9 years and our other national advertising partners. The Stellars is a giant team effort, so I want to extend a heartfelt gratitude to our staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure we put on a grand and Stellar event year after year.

Over our 35 year history, Stellar Awards has become the most recognizable and respected brand in the faith-based community today, and with your continuing support, we are excited about the great success we will enjoy from the Stellar TV Network and the National Museum of Gospel Music becoming the most preferred network and destination worldwide!

Thanks for your continuing support of the Stellar Awards and our upcoming projects.

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KIRK FRANKLIN

Co-Host

Kirk Franklin is an American choir director, Gospel musician, singer, songwriter, producer, and author. Franklin’s latest musical offering—and 13th studio album—is the aptly titled ‘Long Live Love’ from his RCA-distributed label, Fo Yo Soul Recordings. But even before the album was released, the first single was already laying down some serious groundwork.

“Love Theory” bowed at No. 1 on Billboard’s Hot Gospel Songs chart and has kept the position on lock for thirty-nine weeks. With 1 million U.S. streams in its first week per Nielsen Music, “Love Theory” also opened at No. 1 on Gospel Streaming Songs as well as Gospel Digital Song Sales. Its colorful and energetic video has accumulated over 17.3 million YouTube views and counting. The album “Long Live Love” and single “Love Theory” won two Grammys in January 2020. Franklin says, “It’s my constant story about this message of love, the love of God, and me trying to play my role in that conversation.” He says, “… every song on the album just bubbled up and out—a tapestry of what I believe, how I feel, what I want, and my struggles. It’s the good, the bad, and the ugly.”

Celebrating his 26th career anniversary this year, the winner of more than 40 Stellar Awards, an NAACP Image Award, and 16 Dove Awards is also busy pushing the envelope in other endeavors. Franklin brought his total Grammy tally to 16 at the 62nd annual ceremony this year.

Franklin has his eyes set on a number of other exciting projects, including some fantastic additions to the Kirk Franklin Praise channel on SiriusXM, and starting production on his bio-pic.

Kirk Franklin wants everyone to know one thing. He’s never going to stop pushing the envelope.
Jonathan McReynolds is an award-winning Gospel singer-songwriter and author based in Chicago, Illinois. At just 30, Jonathan has released three full length studio albums and one EP, holds a Masters in Theology, is an adjunct member of the Columbia College faculty, and an official contributor to Huffington Post. He is also the founder of Elihu Nation, a nonprofit organization that promotes wisdom and recently awarded $30k in scholarships. His music has been cheered by music icons from Stevie Wonder, Nicki Minaj, and Tori Kelly to Gospel giants like CeCe Winans, Yolanda Adams, and Kirk Franklin.

His latest full-length album Make Room debuted #1 on Billboard Gospel and garnered a historic 1.3 million streams in the first week. It has already been hailed as his best work. “Not Lucky, I’m Loved”, from this album, gave Jonathan his first #1 song on Billboard in September 2018. Make Room’s second single, “Cycles (feat. DOE)” hit #4 on Billboard’s Gospel Digital Song Sales and #19 on Hot Gospel Songs, and is featured in Apple Music’s “The A-List: Gospel” playlist. The album’s titled track “Make Room” peaked at #1 on Billboard’s Gospel Airplay chart in December 2019, making it both Jonathan’s and the album’s second #1 Single. For his Make Room album, Jonathan received 8 Stellar Awards, including ‘Artist of the Year’ and ‘Song of the Year.’ McReynolds went on to tour domestically with the album selling out 30 cities nationwide.

His last four years marks buzzworthy performances including headlining international shows in Oslo, London, and Port-of-Spain, as well as touring with India Arie and Lalah Hathaway.

In his first book, “Make Room: Finding Where Faith Fits,” author McReynolds draws on the testimony of Scripture and of personal experience to appeal to readers to make room for God in every area of life.

Gospel singer Koryn Hawthorne was born and raised in the small town of Abbeville, Louisiana. She has been performing since the age of 9 ... as she got older she continued to sing locally at nursing homes, churches, and different charity events. “Singing was all I ever wanted to do,” Koryn Hawthorne reiterates. “I didn't know how it would happen, but I had faith ...”

From singing in church, to becoming a finalist on NBC's The Voice, to having her first album debut at #1, Koryn Hawthorne has shown that she will not be denied. Since the release of her album Unstoppable, the Louisiana native has seen one of her singles, “Won't He Do It”, sit atop the Billboard charts for a record-breaking 41 weeks and be named the #2 Gospel song of the decade by Billboard.

Koryn also earned two Grammy Award nominations and won a Billboard Music Award, an NAACP Image Award, a Stellar Award for her music video and two GMA Dove Awards. She was featured on Kirk Franklin’s Long Live Love Tour and has performed on television specials including The Soul Train Awards, BET HER Fights Breast Cancer, the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration and the Stellar Awards. Recently, Koryn reached another milestone in her career when “Won't He Do It” was certified Gold by the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America).

And at the age of 22, all of this is only the beginning!
ARTIST OF THE YEAR

- Donald Lawrence presents the Tri-City Singers; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
- JJ Hairston; Miracle Worker; JamesTown Music/Entertainment One
- Kirk Franklin; Long Live Love; Fo Yo Soul/RCA/RCA Inspiration
- Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Motown Gospel
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- JJ Hairston; Miracle Worker; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
- Kirk Franklin; Long Live Love; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
- Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Motown Gospel

SONG OF THE YEAR
- Big; Michael McClure, Curtiss Glenn & Rodeny Turner; Black Smoke Worldwide
- Deliver Me (This Is My Exodus); Donald Lawrence, William Stokes, Marshon Lewis, Robert Woolridge & Desmond Davis; RCA Inspiration
- Love Theory; Kirk Franklin; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
- This Is A Move (Live); Tasha Cobbs Leonard, Tony Brown, Brandon Lake, & Nate Moore; Motown Gospel

MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
- JJ Hairston; Miracle Worker; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
- Kirk Franklin; Long Live Love; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
- Todd Dulaney; To Africa With Love; Entertainment One
- William Murphy; Settle Here; RCA Inspiration

ALBERTINA WALKER FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
- Jekalyn Carr, I See Miracles, Lunjeal Music Group
- Le’Andria Johnson; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
- Maranda Curtis, I’m All In, Red Alliance Media/Fair Trade
- Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Motown Gospel
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• Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers; Bless Somebody Else; Kurt Carr Gospel / RCA Inspiration
• The Group Fire; Again; Jet Records North/East
• The Walls Group, Friend in Me, Wall2Wall Entertainment/ My Block Records

NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR
• Fresh Start Worship; Have it All; Fresh Start Worship / Marquis Boone Enterprises
• Jerard & Jovaun; What A Beautiful Name; Motown Gospel
• Kim Person; The Journey; KLP Enterprises, LLC
• Pastor Mike Jr.; Live Free; Black Smoke Worldwide

ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• Goshen; Donald Lawrence presents the Tri-City Singers; RCA Inspiration
• Miracle Worker, JJ Hairston; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
• Long Live Love; Kirk Franklin; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
• Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Motown Gospel

CHOIR OF THE YEAR
• Bishop Paul S. Morton & The Full Gospel Ministry of Worship; A Month of Sundays; Tehillah/Integrity Music/Tyscot
• Donald Lawrence presents the Tri-City Singers; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
• JJ Hairston; Miracle Worker, JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
• John P. Kee; I Made It Out; Entertainment One

PRODUCER OF THE YEAR
• Donald Lawrence, Phil Thornton, Sir the Baptist, Troy Taylor for Songbook, & Greg Peterca; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
• John P. Kee; I Made It Out; Entertainment One
• Kirk Franklin, Ronald Hill & Phil Thornton; Long Live Love; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
• Tasha Cobbs Leonard, Kenneth Leonard, William Murphy & Phil Thornton; Settle Here; RCA Inspiration
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- Fresh Start Worship; Have it All; Fresh Start Worship / Marquis Boone Enterprises
- Jerard & Jovana; What A Beautiful Name; Motown Gospel
- The Group Fire; Again; Jet Records North/East
- The Walls Group, Friend in Me, Wall2Wall Entertainment/My Block Records

TRADITIONAL DUO/CHORUS GROUP OF THE YEAR
- D. Morton and Gifted; Declaration; Band Geek Music Group
- Kurt Carr & The Kurt Carr Singers; Bless Somebody Else; Kurt Carr Gospel / RCA Inspiration
- Renee Spearman ft. Hezekiah Walker & Dr. Holly Carter; I Love Him; JDI Entertainment
- The True Believers; Back to The Roots; 4Winds/Malaco

CONTEMPORARY MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
- Donald Lawrence; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
- Kirk Franklin; Long Live Love; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
- Todd Dulaney, To Africa With Love, Entertainment One
- William Murphy; Settle Here; RCA Inspiration

TRADITIONAL MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
- Bishop Paul S. Morton; A Month of Sundays; Tehillah / Integrity Music / Tyscot
- Earl Bynum; This Song is For You; LRAE / HBK / Tyscot
- John P. Kee; I Made It Out; Entertainment One
- Kurt Carr; Bless Somebody Else; Kurt Carr Gospel / RCA Inspiration

CONTEMPORARY FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
- Casey J; The Gathering; Label ~ Tyscot/Integrity/Casey J LLC
- Kierra Sheard; Don’t Judge Me; Karew/ RCA Inspiration
- Kim Person; The Journey; KLP Enterprises, LLC
- Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Motown Gospel
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TRADITIONAL FEMALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR
• Christina Bell; Going; Malaco Records
• Jekalyn Carr; I See Miracles; Lunjeal Music Group
• Le’Andria Johnson; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
• Maranda Curtis; I’m All In; Red Alliance Media / Fair Trade Artist

CONTEMPORARY ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• Goshen; Donald Lawrence presents the Tri-City Singers; RCA Inspiration
• Miracle Worker; JJ Hairston; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
• Long Live Love; Kirk Franklin; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
• Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Motown Gospel

TRADITIONAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• A Month of Sundays; Bishop Paul S. Morton & The Full Gospel Ministry of WorshipTehillah/Integrity Music/Tyscot
• I Made It Out; John P. Kee; Entertainment One
• Bless Somebody Else; Kurt Carr; Kurt Carr Gospel / RCA Inspiration
• The Tommies Reunion; The Tommies Reunion; 7 Legend Group/JMG Entertainment/Tyscot

URBAN/INSPIRATIONAL SINGLE OR PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR
• Blessings on Blessings; Anthony Brown & group therAPy; Key of A / Tyscot / Fair Trade
• Deliver Me (This Is My Exodus); Donald Lawrence presents the Tri-City Singers; RCA Inspiration
• Love Theory; Kirk Franklin; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
• Big; Pastor Mike Jr.; Black Smoke Worldwide

MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR
• Big; Johny Zotic; Black Smoke Worldwide
• I See Miracles; Kauwaune Burton; Lunjeal Music Group
• Love Theory; Matt DeLisi; Fo Yo Soul/ RCA/ RCA Inspiration
• Miracle Worker feat. Rich Tolbert Jr.; Gary Saunders; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
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TRADITIONAL CHOIR OF THE YEAR
• Bishop Paul S. Morton & The Full Gospel Ministry of Worship; A Month of Sundays; Tehillah/Integrity Music/Tyscot
• Dr. Aly E. Waller Presents Zak Williams and 1/Akord; The Next Chapter; Eno Music Group
• John P. Kee; I Made It Out; Entertainment One
• The Tommies Reunion; The Tommies Reunion; 7 Legend Group/JMG Entertainment/Tyscot

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR OF THE YEAR
• Donald Lawrence presents the Tri-City Singers; Goshen; RCA Inspiration
• JJ Hairston; Miracle Worker; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
• Joshua’s Troop; Another Chance; New Haven Records
• Vincent Bohanan & The Sound of Victory Fellowship Choir; Road to 5 - We Win EP, Independent

INSTRUMENTAL ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• My Inspiration Vol. 2; Marcus Anderson; Anderson Music
• Music Book Volume III - Magnificent; Mel Holder; Psalmist Music Group/Megawave
• Rise!; Ben Tankard; BEN-Jamin’ Universal Music

SPECIAL EVENT ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• A Month of Sundays; Bishop Paul S. Morton & The Full Gospel Ministry of Worship; Tehillah/Integrity Music/Tyscot
• A Motown Gospel Christmas; Various Artists; Motown Gospel
• Greenleaf: Season 3 (Music from The Original TV Series); Various Artists; Lionsgate Entertainment
• Maranda Presents A Holy Christmas; Maranda Curtis; Red Alliance Media / Fair Trade

RAP HIP HOP GOSPEL ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• Ghost; Canton Jones; Cajo Records
• Live Free; Pastor Mike Jr.; Black Smoke Worldwide
• Love Letter One; Reggie Roc; Rocc Bottom
• Nothings Too Hard; Lawrence Hancock; LV Productions
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YOUTH PROJECT OF THE YEAR
• Dy’Jah; Save Me; C-Shop Entertainment
• Gospel Kids; Gospel Kids Present... Christian Soldiers; Tyscot Records
• Jada Redmond; My Season; 4Redmusic Production and Entertainment
• New York Fellowship Children’s Choir; God is the Greatest; Godfather Records

QUARTET OF THE YEAR
• D. Morton and Gifted; Declaration; Band Geek Music Group
• Keith Wonderboy Johnson & Josh Myles; Inspirational Project; Timeless Music
• Pastor Rodney Mills and The Virginia Aires; Drugs (Are a Trick of The Enemy); Dove Records Inc.
• The William Singers; Giants; Band Geek Music Group

RECORDED MUSIC PACKAGING OF THE YEAR
• Bless Somebody Else; Derek Blanks; Kurt Carr Gospel / RCA Inspiration
• Maranda Presents A Holy Christmas; Tyair Long, Rodney Greene, Jonathan Anderson & Maalik Miles; Red Alliance Media / Fair Trade
• Miracle Worker; Lerico Britton and Omega George; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
• To Africa With Love; Jaiyde Simone; Entertainment One

PRAISE AND WORSHIP ALBUM OF THE YEAR
• A Month of Sundays; Bishop Paul S. Morton & The Full Gospel Ministry of Worship; Tehillah/Integrity Music/Tyscot
• Miracle Worker; JJ Hairston; JamesTown Music / Entertainment One
• Heart. Passion. Pursuit. (Live at Passion City Church); Tasha Cobbs Leonard; Motown Gospel
• Settle Here; William Murphy; RCA Inspiration
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2. SONG OF THE YEAR
6. NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR
18. URBAN/INSPIRATIONAL/INSTRUMENTAL SINGLE/PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR
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Traditional Male Vocalist Of The Year
Traditional Album Of The Year
Traditional Choir Of The Year
Special Event Album Of The Year
Praise & Worship Album Of The Year

Casey J:
Contemporary Female Vocalist Of The Year

The Tommies Reunion:
Traditional Album Of The Year
Traditional Choir Of The Year

ANTHONY BROWN & group therAPy:
Urban/Inspirational Single Or
Performance Of The Year

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WNAP 1110 AM; Fred Blain, Program Director, Philadelphia, PA
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