Gospel Music Association Announces Finalists For The Ninth Dove Awards

NASHVILLE — The Gospel Music Association has announced the finalists for the ninth annual Dove Awards, and an auditing firm in Nashville mailed the final ballots on September 15. The Dove Awards will be presented during a special ceremony November 29 at Nashville's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The finalists, in alphabetical order, are:


Other Nominations

Male Vocal Group — James Blackwood, Sr., Johnny Cook, Danny Gaither, Dallas Holm, Jimmy Swaggart, Female Vocal Group — Reba Rambo Gardner, Vestal Goodman, LaBrescia Hemphill, Joy McCutchion, Regina George; Female Vocalist of the Year — Bill Gaither, Gordon Jensen, Gary S. Paxton, Dottie Rambo, Lanny Wolfe; Instrumentalist — Tommy Fairchild, Dino Karstonskis, Roy Lewis, Henry Slaughter, Jimmy Swaggart; Disc Jockey of the Year — Larry Black, Sid Hughes, J. B. Ransbottom; White Gospel Album — "Ride The ship To Zion," Zondervan Keynotes.


Series Of Gospel Showcases Slated

NASHVILLE — The Gospel Music Association, in conjunction with the Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation, will sponsor a new series of gospel music performances entitled "Gospel Music Showcase" beginning November 7. Each showcase will be held monthly at the TPAF's Advent Theater in Nashville. Presently, seven performances have been scheduled.

The purpose of the program is to expose the many different areas of gospel music to the public. It is a new concept designed to reach a broader audience. Each performance will have the opportunity to meet the performers.

Scheduled to perform in the first Showcase are Gordon Jensen and Sunnie, a country-flavored contemporary group, and Henry and Hazel Slaughter.

For further information, write to the Gospel Music Association, P.O. Box 23201, Nashville, Tennessee 37202. Or call (615) 242-0305.

Truth Tours Jamaica

LOS ANGELES — Truth, the 18-member Mobile-based contemporary gospel group, recently completed an eight-day benefit concert tour of Jamaica. In seven appearances across the island, Truth reportedly performed to more than 10,000 people in Kingston, the mountain community of Mandeville and Montego Bay.

A crowd in excess of 3,000 attended an opening concert on the grounds of Vale Royal, the residence of Jamaica's deputy prime minister.

During their stay on the island, Roger Breland, director of Truth, and the entire touring party conferred with the U.S. ambassador to Jamaica and the governor general, Britain's liaison with the Caribbean nation.

New Gospel Duo In Concert Debut

LOS ANGELES — Contemporary gospel group Andrus, Blackwood And Company will make its initial "Grand Opening" concert appearance October 18 at 8 p.m. in the Massey Auditorium, Belmont College.

The group consists of Sherman Andrus and Terry Blackwood, whose backgrounds are rooted in gospel music. Both have been singing gospel music for most of their lives. They have performed in church, at verschiedene churches and even at the Belmont College. Both have performed in various church groups and are known as "brothers in Christ."

Their concert is a part of the 1970-71 gospel music series at the college. The concert will feature several of the gospel group The Imperials. Although they left the Imperials to embark on separate solo careers, they kept in contact, eventually getting together during the past summer to form Andrus, Blackwood And Company.

Publisher Sues Word In A Royalty Dispute

NEW YORK — Counterpart Music BMI, a music publisher, has sued Word Records, the gospel arm of ABC Records, alleging copyright infringement, interference of contract and non-payment of publishing royalties. The plaintiff seeks in excess of $20,000 in damages.

Counterpart, owned by Howard Lovdal and Shad O'Shea, claims that Word entered into an exclusive worldwide distribution agreement with Joel Cernhoff, in violation of an existing contract between the plaintiff and Cernhoff.

Counterpart has filed a suit against the musical group, Lamb, formed by Cernhoff and Richard Coghill. That suit also seeks in excess of $20,000, alleging copyright infringement and interference of contract and non-payment of publishing royalties.

Cernhoff and Coghill have filed a counterclaim against Lovdal and Counterpart Creative Studios, alleged to be the parent company of Counterpart Publishing.

New Gospel LP Releases

CHRIS CHRISTIAN — Chris Christian Myrrh MSA-6569 — List: 5.98
A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS — Wally Fowler Dove DRLP-1000 — List: 5.98
I AM...BECAUSE — Doug Oldham Impact! R-3480 — List: 5.98
FEEL THE LOVE — Love Song Good News SNA-8104 — List: 11.98
FOR HIM WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR — Keith Green Sparrow SPR-1015 — List: 5.98
GOES CROSS COUNTRY — Bob Harrington Chaplin S-R-32 — List: 5.98

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