



## FLORIDA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

January 4, 2010

Dear Choir/Group:

We are writing to inform you about a great opportunity for your group/choir. Pinellas County Commissioners and staff would like to invite your group/choir to participate in our 5th Annual African American Heritage Gospelfest. This is one of the many components of our Eleventh Annual African American Heritage Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Heritage Village in Largo, Florida. To be eligible to participate, your organization must submit the enclosed registration application and contract.

The event will be open to any group/choir on a first come first served basis. First place is a \$1,000 cash prize. Second place is a \$750.00 cash prize. Third place is \$500.00 cash prize.

We have enclosed a registration packet for your choir/group to complete. The choirs/groups are responding very quickly, so complete your packet as soon as possible. The latest a packet may be received by February 15, 2010. Again, this is on a first come first served basis. There are limited spaces; and after the packet has been submitted, no further entries will be accepted. We ask that you announce this opportunity to your congregation and to any interested group/choir. We greatly appreciate your assistance and support.

**THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE.** If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Steve Marshall at [manonrise66@yahoo](mailto:manonrise66@yahoo) or 727-244-8119. You may fax the registration form to 1-866-390-1262, or email it to [manonrise66@yahoo](mailto:manonrise66@yahoo). You may also mail the registration form to Steve Marshall, P.O. Box 5785, Clearwater, FL 33758-5785 ATTN: Steve Marshall. For additional information on the Heritage Celebration, contact our website at [www.pinellascounty.org/unity.htm](http://www.pinellascounty.org/unity.htm)

Thank You,

Mr. Steve Marshall  
Coordinator of Gospel fest, African American Heritage Celebration

Mr. Randy Lightfoot  
President, Pinellas County African American History Museum

# The 11th Annual Florida African American Heritage Celebration

5th Annual Heritage Gospelfest  
February 27, 2010  
Largo Fl. (Heritage Village)

## Contract

1. Gospelfest will take place Saturday, February 27<sup>h</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m.
2. All participants must remain for the entire show.
3. The prizes for performances will be: \$1,000 cash for First Place, \$750.00 cash for Second Place and \$500.00 for Third Place.
4. If a member of choir or group is found to be grossly unchristian-like (e.g., causing disruption to the production of show), the choir/group will be disqualified.
5. Profanity or any unnecessary display of disrespect shown on or off the stage will result in choir/group being disqualified.
6. The time limit of each performance will be determined by the number of participants. The program coordinator will advise the choir/group representative of the time limit prior to show.
7. Groups/Choirs that exceed allotted time will be assessed a ten-point deduction from final score.
8. **PROFANITY AND OBSCENE GESTURES OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** during any performance!
9. Anyone caught attempting to sneak alcohol, drugs, or other contraband into the show will cause their group/choir to be automatically disqualified from the event. Drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited. Zero tolerance will be in effect.
10. The order of the show will be determined at check-in time.
11. Groups/Choir or representatives will not be allowed to communicate with judges prior to the show.
12. The decisions of the judges are final.
13. Sponsors will not be held responsible or liable for the actions of contestants.
14. The Gospelfest registration form and contract are due as soon as possible.

## Judging Criteria

### Routine

The performance of each choir/group should not exceed the allotted time. Performances exceeding the allotted time will automatically be subject to point reduction.

### Grading Scale

The grading scale will be on a numeric scale using whole numbers from 1-10, with a score of one (1) being the lowest and ten (10) being the highest.

**Categories/Points:** Minimum points possible: 10; Maximum points possible: 100

Appearance	1-10
Crowd Interaction	1-10
Complexity	1-10
Creativity	1-10
Intonation	1-10
Enthusiasm	1-10
Vocal Clarity	1-10
Song Selection	1-10
Diction (Pronunciation)	1-10
Overall Performance	1-10

## 11 Year Celebration Gospelfest Registration Form

**Gospel Registration Form Instruction:** Please type or write all information. One registration form per choir/group is required.

**Choir/Group  
Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact  
Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**MailingAddress** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax**  
**Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approximate number of people in  
choir/group** \_\_\_\_\_

**How Many Band Members and instruments bringing or needed?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

Choir/Group Contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church of ministry \_\_\_\_\_

The above rules and conditions are final. There will be no exceptions. By signing below, you are agreeing, as the representative, to all rules and conditions herein and that all will be adhered to by each team member. It is further your understanding that failure to comply with any portion of the aforementioned can result in disqualification or point deduction, as to be determined by judges. A signature on this contract confirms your group/choir's presence and participation in the 5th Annual Heritage Gospelfest.

**Contact Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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