



FLORIDA AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION

January 4, 2009

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 3rd annual African American Heritage Gospelfest. This is one of the many components of our 9th annual African American Heritage Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m at Heritage Village in Largo, Florida. To be eligible to participate you must submit the enclosed registration application and contract.

The event will be open to any group/choir. First place is a \$1,500 cash prize. Second place is a \$1,000.00 cash prize. Third place is \$750.00 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 is February 16, 2009. Again, this is on a first come first serve basis. There are limited spaces, and when it is filled 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 or 727-244-8119. You may fax registration form to 1-866-630-5807 or email to manonrise66@yahoo. You may mail registration form to Marshall PO 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

Thank You,

Mr. Steve Marshall
Coordinator of Gospelfest African American Heritage Celebration

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

10 Year Celebration

4th Annual Heritage Gospelfest
February 28, 2009
Largo Fl. (Heritage Village)

Contract

1. Gospelfest will take place Saturday February 28th starting at 11:00 a.m.
1. All participants must remain for the entire show.
2. The prizes for performances will be: \$1,500 cash for First Place, \$1000.00 cash for Second Place and \$750.00 for Third Place.
3. 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.
4. Profanity or any unnecessary display of disrespect shown on or off the stage will result in choir/group being disqualified.
5. The time limit of each performance will be determined by number of participants. The program coordinator will advise choir/group representative of time limit prior to show.
6. Groups/Choirs that exceed allotted time will lose a ten-point deduction from final score.
7. **PROFANITY AND OBSCENE GESTURES OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** during any performance!
8. Anyone caught attempting to sneak alcohol, drugs, or other contraband into the show will cause their group/choir to be automatically forfeited from the event. Drugs and alcohol are strictly prohibited. Zero tolerance will be in effect.
9. The order of show will be determined at check-in time.
10. Groups/Choir or representatives will not be allowed to communicate with judges prior to show.
11. The decisions of judges are final.
12. Sponsors will not be held responsible/liable for the actions of contestants.
13. The gospelfest registration form and contract is 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 number 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

**10 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 3rd Annual Heritage Gospelfest.

Contact Signature

Date

This registration form must be faxed to 1-866-630-5807 or emailed to manonrise66@yahoo.com This form may be mailed to P. O. Box 5785 Clearwater Fl. 33758-5785 Fl. For any other questions or concerns, please call Steve Marshall at 727-244-8119 or via email manonrise66@yahoo.com