

# RELIGION

## Embassy Fourth Annual Artist and Song Search

Embassy Music Of Nashville, Tennessee is conducting its Fourth Annual Artist and Song Search. "The Ultimate Talent Search" will offer over \$50,000 in prizes which includes a recording contract for the grand prize winner in the artist division. The grand prize winning song will be recorded and distributed nationwide to Christian Radio. Entry forms will be available March 5, 1998 and must be postmarked no later than May 9, 1998.

This year's judges include: Michelle Davis of CCM Magazine,

Jay Demarcus, a former member of Benson Recording Artist, East to West. Joel Lindsey, Staff Writer for Benson Music. Credits include: Lamelle Chandler/Mills Agency, The Martins and Stephen Curtis Chapman, Darwin Moody, President of Embassy Music and The London Philharmonic.

To receive entry information, call "The Ultimate Hotline" at 615-367-0677 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Embassy Music, 1161 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 323 Nashville, TN 37217.

### Community Members Serve On Ecumenical Board

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), a statewide association of religious bodies, has announced its Board of Directors.

Several members of the North and Northeast Portland communities serve on the Board, including Charles Jordan of Portland Parks and Recreation and Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Dorsey McCullough of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, The Rev. Robert N. Probasco of First African

Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, The Rev. LeRoy Haynes, Jr., of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

EMO is a statewide association of Christian denominations, including Orthodox, Protestant and Roman Catholic religious bodies, working together to promote unity through theological dialogue and education, community ministry and public policy advocacy.

## The Return Of Its International Festival!

Beaverton, Oregon (February 5, 1998) - Holy Trinity announces the return of its International Festival to be held February 21, 1998 at the church at 13715 SW Walker Road Beaverton, Oregon. The Festival celebrates the diversity of our community and will help to raise funds for a new sanctuary.

The Festival will begin at Noon and run until 10:00pm. It will include:

- an International tour of 10 cultures as seen through the eyes of the children of our community;
- International Games spon-

sored by the Holy Trinity Youth Group; an International Mass; a Silent Auction featuring a Japanese wood block print circa the mid 1800's, vacation getaways, and Gift Baskets from 10 countries;

Entertainment featuring the Native American Dance Club, Chrysalis Children's Choir, Philippine Log Pole Dancers, Irish Poetry Reading and more; and, wonderful Food from over 30 countries.

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## "Quest For Christian Community" At Warner Pacific College

Dr. David Whitelaw, director of graduate studies in religion at Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego, California, will present the annual Staley lecture series at Warner Pacific College, March 4 and 5. "Structure and Spirit: The quest for Christian Community" will be the theme.

The featured lecture will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 5, in McGuire Auditorium during the regular chapel hour. As always, the Chapel hour will be open to the public.

In 1997 Whitelaw received the "Excellence in Scholarship Award" at Point Loma Nazarene College. In 1994 he received the "Wesleyan Center for Twenty-

First Century Studies Research Award."

Whitelaw's schedule has been packed very full, including presentations to classes in pastoral ministries, humanities, theology, business, and Christian leadership. A special presentation for Degree Completion students has been arranged, along with luncheon meetings for students and for faculty and staff.

The Staley distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program was established in 1967 by Thomas F. Staley, a leader in the field of investments, to provide scholarly evangelical speakers for religious emphasis programs at small Christian colleges.

## Black History Luncheon Oregon Association of Colored Women's Clubs Annual Black History Luncheon

And program Saturday, February 28, 1998 at 12:00 Noon. First AME Zion Church - 109 N. Skidmore - Portland, Oregon. Ms. Johce H. Rasin, Ph.D., R.N., Associate Professor, Oregon Health Science University School of Nursing, will be guest speaker, addressing: "Black History--Black Health in the 21st Century". Special program presentation by OACWC youth - the Soldiers of Light and Uzuri Girls' Clubs.

Ticket information, contact 285-7503 or 284-7085. Should you wish more specific program information, contact Betty Thompson at 282-9203.

Gary's Happy B-Day

## L.A. Mass Choir



It's a new season for the L.A. Mass Choir and one that the group's director is excited about. After a two year hiatus, the L.A. Mass Choir is back in a big way with an exciting new release called, "Back To The Drawing Board."

"This is a new season with new beginnings," says director Donald Taylor. "This CD is about my life and how the Lord has taken me off the scene for two years and done some reconstructive work in my life."



Recorded live at New Testament Church of Christ Holiness in Los Angeles, "Back To The Drawing Board," offers up praise to God with a range of sounds from contemporary to traditional. The choir's rich vocals shine through on the soul-stirring cut, "Be Ye Holy." The spirit of praise and worship can be felt on the heartfelt selection, "Oh To Be Kept" as well as on the mellow praise, "Thus Will I

Bless Thee." The album boasts a grooving R&B feel with "Worthy" and gets hands clapping with the rousing "Stand Still."

For this release, Taylor says he allowed God to orchestrate every aspect from the selection of songs to the musicians. With the combination of God's direction and the choir's anointed vocals, the L.A. Mass Choir is sure to build upon

the success they've already established.

Formed in 1987, the choir was known as Friends as they traveled throughout Southern California. It was after singing with Sandra Crouch and folk singer Joan Baez that they gained the attention of Light Records, eventually landing a record deal in 1988 and changing the name of the choir.

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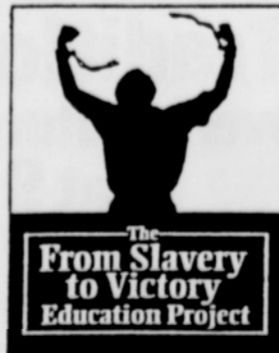
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