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The Mighty Clouds of Joy release new album

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Atlanta based CGI/Platinum Records is proud to announce the forthcoming release on the Mighty Clouds of Joy. It Was You will be their first CGI release and it features the production prowess of Fred Hammond, P.A.J.A.M. Productions (J. Moss and Paul Allen), William Becton, and Steven Ford. As well, founding member, Joe Ligon is producing three cuts for this project as well.

For over thirty years this group has consistently changed with the times yet managed to stay true to their roots. The Mighty Clouds originally penetrated the R&B market with their hit "Ride the Mighty High". In each album and in their performances, the message of the Gospel has always been the same. "I'm very excited about this new project, says Jeff Hargrove, Vice President/ Gospel Division, we believe that this album will find favor with young and old alike."

Again, The Mighty Clouds are crossing the boundaries of generations. Songs such as "A Miracle", "Never Say", and the title track "It Was You" are just confirmation that this Mighty Clouds of Joy project is Y2K compliant. The album is soon to be released.



The Mighty Clouds of Joy prove their prowess in gospel for the last thirty years with a new release scheduled for this month.

Dr. LeRoy Haynes, jr. to speak at North Portland Bible College banquet

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North Portland Bible College has invited Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Jr. Senior Pastor of Allen Temple CME Church to be our keynote speaker at our Annual Banquet on Saturday, November 6. This year's theme is "The Power of God."

Dr. Haynes is a dynamic orator and I am sure you will be blessed by hearing him. The Reverend Dr. Haynes holds a Doctor of Ministry from Brite Theological Seminary, Texas Christian University, and was professor of Philosophy and Religion at Southern University in New Orleans, Louisiana, among many other credits to his scholarship. He was appointed to Allen Temple at Winter Convocation in November of 1997.

This banquet marks a significant milestone in NPBC's history. It celebrates 17 years of providing affordable college-level Bible training for adults who previously have had to by-pass expensive formal education. It celebrates students who have taken the evening classes in addition to family, and employment and church responsibilities; and instructors who taught with only nominal remuneration. And it celebrates the partnership of churches and contributors and volunteers in many capacities, who made it all possible.

We invite you to join us as a corporate sponsor. We are asking each of our sponsors for \$150. This would be a great help in reaching our financial goal. As the Chairman of the Board of Directors, I have accepted the challenge along with others. Can we count on you to be a part of this effort?

The purpose of the banquet is:

- to promote support for North Portland Bible College among a wider group of local Christian leaders, businesses and professional persons
- to raise money for special projects for North Portland Bible College
- to promote fellowship among supporters of the college

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. at O'Callahan's Restaurant, 6221 NE 82nd Avenue (at the Ramada Inn, Airport). Banquet tickets are complimentary, but reservations are necessary. To reserve a place, call the school office at 288-2919.

President and first lady mourn Oseola McCarty

BY BILL CLINTON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Hillary and I were saddened to learn of the passing of Oseola McCarty of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Ms. McCarty is a true American hero. In 1995 she donated \$150,000 to the University of Southern Mississippi for scholarship for needy students.

The extraordinary thing about this gift was that Ms. McCarty accumulated the money from working 75 years washing and ironing people's clothes. I had the pleasure of awarding this extraordinary woman the Presidential Citizens' Medal for her extraordinary act of generosity.

While we mourn her passing, Oseola McCarty's

commitment to the dignity of work, her belief in the power of education and her extraordinary generosity ensure that her memory will live on for generations to come. Our country needs more people like her, who don't just talk about responsibility and community, but who live those values everyday.

Joe Carter to sing on behalf of Oregon Uniting

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Healing racial divisions through forgiveness is the message of acclaimed baritone Joe Carter, who performs Saturday, November 6, 7 p.m., at Portland's Maranatha Church of God, 4222 NE 12th Street. The concert benefits Oregon Uniting, an organization that promotes and facilitates positive interracial communication.

Carter's concerts are creative, inspiring dialogues with his audiences. He sings with great compassion, sharing his message of reconciliation through forgiveness with people around the world. He has been doing musicals, operas and gospel concerts, for over 20 years. Carter sings with great compassion about his predecessors' lives as slaves, whose pain ability to forgive. Carter toured his one-man musical, Song in the Night, in over 50 countries, and starred in his own television show, The Good Life.

Joe Carter has been honored by his home state of Minnesota, and by Minneapolis and St. Paul (his hometown). He was the recipient of the International Citizen Award, given to him by the Mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul in 1997, for a lifetime of work devoted to international peace. Carter also received the title of Honorary Ambassador of Good will from the Governor of Minnesota. In the past few years, Joe has mentored many young people.

Samuel Bryant will introduce Carter's November 6 concert; owner of Portland's Red Eagle Gallery and a founding member of Oregon Uniting. Darrell Eastman, a spiritual leader of the Sioux Nation, will lead a prayer of Unity and Blessing. Before the program begins, Bryant will introduce special guests T. Allen Bethel, Pastor of Maranatha Church of God, State Senator Avel Gordly, State Representative Anitra Rasmussen, First Unitarian - University Rev. Dr. Marilyn Sewell, Rabbi Joshua Stampfer and Oregon Uniting President Dixie Alvin Worthington. There is no admission fee for this special event, although offerings will be accepted.

For more information: write Oregon Uniting, P.O. Box 13614, Portland, Or, 97213; by telephone 503-972-5604; or e-mail: info@oregonuniting.org.

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