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Portland Festival 2000 breaks attendance records!

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At this weekend's two-night festival in downtown Portland, Oregon, Luis Palau proclaimed the Gospel to 140,000 people, including 85,000 Saturday night. A midday summer rainstorm could not dampen the turnout or enthusiasm of a massive crowd, which gathered Friday evening at Portland's Waterfront Park for Portland Festival 2000 with Luis Palau. A free family event presented by the Portland-based Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Portland Festival features contemporary Christian and Gospel music, a children's activity area, food booths, and a showcase of world-class skateboard professionals. Friday's talent lineup included multiple Dove award winners Jaci Velazquez, Ginny Owens and Steven Curtis Chapman, with a message of "good news" from the Gospel presented by evangelist/author Luis Palau. Portland Parks and Police officials estimated Friday's attendance at 55,000 a substantial increase over the 1999 estimates. The crowd extended from the Burnside Bridge to the Main Stage under the Morrison Bridge. The Festival continued Saturday, with food booths opening at noon, skateboard exhibitions beginning at 3:45 PM, and music starting at 4:00 PM. Headliners included Kirk Franklin, Sixpence, None the Richer, Skiller, Relient K and Toby McKeehan.

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Our own Charles Jordan and wife Esther give away their only son Dion Jordan

How It Happened We Got Engaged 12/22/99

Dion is the Youth Pastor at our Church. On Wednesday evening, as Bible Study was drawing to a close, he left his Youth group to join me at the Adult lesson as it was ending. Part of our worship is the testimony time when anyone can give a "Praise Report" on God's goodness. Dion wanted to give his "Praise Report" but he was too late, no one was left in the Sanctuary except my Pastor, his wife and me. So we decided to listen to Dion's testimony. He began to fumble with his pocket and started to talk about what a Blessing I was to him and how much he loves me. I was sooooo surprised... Then he got down on one knee, slipped a beautiful ring on my finger and asked me to marry him! I couldn't believe it! I was sooooo happy! This was the proposal. I had been dreaming of...After what seemed like a Lifetime. Dori, my friend and Pastor's wife, said "Well, aren't you going to answer him?!!!" That brought me back to reality. I rejoiced, "Yes, Yes, Of course...Yes." We rushed to his parent's home, hand in hand, to share the Good news!



Gospel Music Workshop of America, Incorporated



The Gospel Music Workshop of America, Incorporated (GMWA) selected the Morial Convention Center and the Marriott Hotel in downtown New Orleans, Louisiana to serve as host sites for their 33rd Annual Convention which was held August 12-18, 2000. The GMWA is a nonprofit, interdenominational, interracial organization that was established in 1967 by the late great gospel composer, producer and artist, Reverend James Cleveland, whose vision for preserving and celebrating the rich heritage of gospel music was brought into fruition along with fellow gospel artists and friends upon his untimely death. The GMWA headquarters address is 3908 West Warren Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, 48208. Under the leadership of Bishop Albert L. Jamison, Sr. (Chairman of the Board), a team of twenty-five Board of Directors serve to facilitate the planning of the annual convention. Each board member's expertise is as diverse as the music, and it is because of their diligence, perseverance and commitment that the GMWA has grown into the largest religious music organization and convention in the world today. The membership of this organization is comprised of chapters representing the 50 states, as well as international chapters of delegates (including Paris, London, & Tokyo). It is estimated that over 5000 delegates attend this weeklong convention to partake in the daily workshops, evening workshop services, Musical showcases and fashion show. Again this year, the northwest region was represented by a delegation from the Portland/Vancouver Chapter (PVC), which consisted of 16 youth and 28 adults, who traveled to this "Mecca for gospel music lovers" to experience a little "heaven here on earth" via the praise and worship ministry workshops held at this annual event. The Portland/Vancouver Chapter (PVC) was officially installed by National Board of Directors member, Helen Stephens (Northern California Chapter) On April 8, 1995. The purpose of the division of the GMWA is to establish a fellowship among various ministries throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. The PVC Chapter Representative for the Mass Choir is Dorothy Davis, who considers this event to be "... not only a time of ministry, but a time to get ministered to... It's a time of refreshing and reviving. There are classes within the academic division for every area of ministry... This convention is so unique because there's something for everyone and it provides a forum where like GMWA overall theme states Everybody is Somebody."

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