

Fellowship

Gospel Singer Kathy Taylor Ministers to the World Through Her Music

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When you think of the best in the world of art, names such as John Biggers, Augusta Osawa Tanner, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Vincent van Gogh and Leonardo da Vinci come to mind.

Now when you think of the best artists in the world of gospel music, there are several names that should be on the list, but after creating that list, there's at least one name that should not only be on that list, they should be mentioned as one of the world's best — Houston's own Kathy Taylor.

Taylor is one of the most inspirational and uniquely anointed vessels created by God to be a blessing to the world through her phenomenal musical gifts and talents. Not only did God give her the gift to sing with a one-of-a-kind

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Taylor began her recording career as a soloist with the legendary James Cleveland's Gospel Music of America and The Mass Choir. She was the featured vocalist on songs such as "Anticipation," "It's Your Decision," "He Did It," and "I Got My Joy Back." These projects, along with her captivating and live performances, have catapulted Kathy into the national spotlight.

In her never-ending quest to fulfill her calling and use her musical gifts for the Kingdom of God, the Houston native founded Kathy Taylor and Favor, a multi-talented singing ensemble known for its meticulous and breathtaking harmonies. Kathy Taylor and Favor graced the stage with many of most

recognizable and world-renowned gospel artists around today. They released three projects to date, with the first two albums Taylor produced being "He's Worthy" and "What Would It Profit Me to Gain the Whole World and Lose My Soul?" which were both well received. The third album, "Taylormade," was released on Aleho International Records, under the leadership of gospel music executive Al "The Bishop" Hobbs and produced by Grammy-award winning, legendary gospel music producer Sanchez Harley. This powerful collabora-



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tion produced and incredible project that yielded her a Stellar Award nomination.

Taylor executive produced and released one of her best projects in 1999 entitled, "Kathy Taylor Live, The Worship Experience," which was released on her very own label Katco Music Group. This much-anticipated and much-talked about project received rave reviews and overwhelming pre-sales. "Kathy Taylor Live, The Worship Experience" featured an amazing collection of songs designed to usher listeners into the presence of God, such as the hit single, "Oh How Precious," which has become a hit on the Billboard charts and is heavily requested all over the country.

In addition to her successful music career, Taylor still serves as Minister of Music at Windsor Village United Methodist Church, a post that she has held for nearly three decades. Under the leadership of Pastor Kirbyjon H.

Caldwell, Windsor Village is the largest United Methodist Church in America having over 15,000 members. Taylor oversees a massive Music and Arts department that is comprised of over 1,200 staff members and volunteers. The innovative programs instituted by Taylor have set a new standard for music ministry across America. From her Black History series that featured the "Sacred Music of Duke Ellington," which was presented with a thirty-six piece orchestra, actors and dancers, to her annual Worship and Arts Conference that has brought together some of the foremost experts in the nation, Taylor's ever-increasing standard of excellence continues to positively impact lives.

Continuing a family legacy of community involvement, Taylor founded the Katco Arts Academy, a summer youth program which is committed to empowering socially and economically challenged youth.

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Taylor, 55, is an accomplished national recording artist, Minister of Music, songwriter, producer and community activist, whose God-given musical gifts have lifted her to higher heights and brought her before both national and world leaders. She has ministered be-

Memorial Service for Carmon Cunningham



Carmon Cunningham
May 30, 1954 - June 21, 2016
Saturday, August 20th
11:00 a.m.
Life Change Church
3635 N Williams Ave.
Portland, OR 97227
Phone: (503) 288-0479

OBITUARY: Willie Rutherford

Known as George and G.W., services for Willie Rutherford will be held August 26th 2016 at 11:00 am at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church at 4009 N. Missouri, Portland, Ore.



A viewing will be August 25 at Terry Family Funeral Home at 2337 N Williams Ave, Portland, Ore.
George was a very good husband, father

Willie Rutherford and friend. We all are going to miss him.
Love your Wife
Ann Rutherford