



CATHEDRAL ARTS
Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa
HERALDING CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 4th at 8:00 PM



Concert to Assist Youth Drug Addiction Program

In continuing its community outreach projects, *Cathedral Arts* will collaborate with the **Ottawa Bytown Rotary Club** in presenting this year's Christmas concert to support the **Rotary Youth Drug Addiction Program** and **Project S.T.E.P.** (Support, Treatment, Education, Prevention).

The **S.T.E.P.** Campaign addresses the need for substance abuse treatment, education and prevention for young people between the ages of 13 and 17. It develops a comprehensive substance abuse education and prevention program in our high schools, and provides specialized treatment and counseling in a 24-hour residential setting.

Kim Sherwood, director of the People's Gospel Choir of Montreal, is delighted to be associated with this initiative. Soprano **Kimberly Richardson**, Ottawa "Blues Lady" **Maria Hawkins**, and Baritone **Jeremiah Sparks**, will join the choir to present this exciting concert on December 4th in support of this cause. Can we ever forget the performance of this group last February at *Freedom 175* during Black History Month? With **Anthony Sherwood** as Master of Ceremonies, and the possibility of other performers becoming involved, this promises to be another exhilarating evening at the Cathedral that will herald the Christmas Season in Ottawa in grand style!



Jeremiah Sparks is a proud Nova Scotian, an accomplished actor, composer, musician and master teacher who has starred in live stage productions - *Gospel at Colonus*, *Hosanna*, *Whylah Falls*, *Noye's Fludde* and as Reverend Andrew White in *Portia White First You Dream*. Jeremiah played Mufasa in the stage production Disney's *The Lion King*. He was featured prominently in Derek Walcott's adaptation of *The Odyssey* in

Stratford, Ontario, and composed the music for that piece. He won rave reviews for his theatrical prowess as Louis Armstrong in *Satchmo Suite*. His film credits include: *A Town Without Christmas*; *Wise Girls* (with Mariah Carey); *Trailer Park Boys*; *One Heart Broken into a Song*; and, *Soul*.



It was apparent at an early age that **Kimberly Ann Richardson** would pursue a career in the entertainment field, following in the footsteps of her mother, Jackie and Aunt Betty. In 1986, her first single, *He's my Lover*, won her a Juno Award for "Most Promising Female Vocalist of the Year". Her second, *Peek-a-Boo*, brought her another Juno for the "Best R&B/Soul Recording" the

following year. She has toured extensively, performing with many of the great stars and orchestras of the world – winning many more awards and honours along the way.



Many of us have seen **Anthony Sherwood** in numerous roles on stage, television and in film – *Ain't Misbehavin*, *Cabaret*, *Razz 'M Jazz*, *Music Man*, *Airwolf*, *Street Legal*, *Honour Before Glory* – the list goes on and on! He is truly an exceptional actor, director and producer who merits every national and international award that he has received – to date.

Affectionately called, "Ottawa's Blues Lady" for her popular *Blues in the Schools* program, **Maria Hawkins** has been a professional musician, educator and motivational speaker for many years. Her outstanding awards include: "Amazing Woman of the Year Award"; the "Artistic Excellence Award" sponsored by the National Arts Centre; "Woman of Distinction Award"; and the United Way "Community Builder Award".



Formed in 1992, the **People's Gospel Choir of Montreal** grew out of a love for gospel music and a desire to transcend differences through the power of music. The choir embraces and embodies the

cultural, racial and religious diversity of Montreal, belting out inspiring gospel music and Negro spirituals with an undeniably powerful and magnetic effect on its audience.



Kim Sherwood and the People's Gospel Choir of Montreal have a history of serving the community and fundraising for worthy causes. The 40-member choir now performs every September at St. James United Church to honour the memory of those who were lost during the events of 9/11 and to raise money for a local firefighter's organization. The choir also performs every

year as part of the *Taste of Nations* event, where local chefs offer their best culinary delights at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel to raise money for Share the Warmth, an organization which, among other great activities, provides hot meals for public schools.



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Honorary Patrons: Vernon White, Chief, Ottawa Police Service
Leonard Potechin, Co-Chair, Campaign Project S.T.E.P.

TICKETS:

PLATINUM \$100 - includes an Elegant Post-Concert Reception to meet Sponsors and Performers, and a \$50 tax receipt from the Rotary Club.

GOLD \$45; SILVER \$25; STUDENT \$15

All applicable taxes are included in the price and there are no surcharges. *Cathedral Arts* does not issue refunds and does not exchange tickets for other events.

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