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Celebrating Black History Month – *The Sound of Gospel: An Anthology Depicting the Rich History and Evolution of Gospel Music*

The vibrant production runs Feb. 16-18 at The Cowles Center's Goodale Theater

MINNEAPOLIS – (Feb. 9, 2024) – *The Sound of Gospel: An Anthology Depicting the Rich History and Evolution of Gospel Music* will fill the hall of [The Cowles Center](#) on Feb. 16, 17 and 18. The shows are presented by [2nd Chance Outreach](#), a nonprofit dedicated to “Using Art to Transform” individuals and communities.

The Sound of Gospel celebrates and honors Black History Month. The show is produced by playwright, producer, and director William Pierce of 2nd Chance Outreach; directed by Academy Award-nominated vocalist, actress, and playwright Jevetta Steele; with musical direction by the Grammy Award-winning Billy Steele – both of the renowned family [The Steeles](#).

“We are excited about the production’s evolution since premiering at the 2018 National Baptist Convention held at the Minneapolis Convention Center. It highlights Gospel music’s historical aspects and how it has been an integral part of the African American experience. The show is celebratory and thought provoking,” said Rev. William Pierce, the creator, writer and producer.

The Sound of Gospel takes the audience on an expansive historical musical journey featuring work and freedom songs, ring shouts, Negro spirituals, choirs and quartets, up to today’s contemporary and urban gospel. Elements of drama and joy resonate throughout the production.

“I can’t wait for audiences to experience the amazing talents of some of the best Twin Cities performing artists. The production opens in Africa with the beat of the drum with all its passion and energy that carries through the entire show,” said Jevetta Steele, Sound of Gospel director. “I’m thrilled to have witnessed the show’s evolution. I try to make the production better and different, incorporating new elements into each iteration.”

“The production gained such popularity that we expanded to three shows, Friday, Saturday evening and a Sunday matinee. My dream is to motivate our current generation to continue using their musical creativity to build on the powerful Gospel music legacy to bring hope to our communities and the world,” said Pierce.

Proceeds from Sound of Gospel will benefit 2nd Chance Outreach programming.

Tickets are available at [The Cowles Center](#) or at [2nd Chance Outreach](#) and range from \$35 to \$65. For more information, photos, videos and a complete list of sponsors, visit the 2nd Chance Outreach [Facebook](#) page or call 952-567-3986.

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About 2nd Chance Outreach

2nd Chance Outreach is a nonprofit community organization. Its slogan is “Using Art Form to Transform.” Our goal is to give back through educating, inspiring, encouraging and financially supporting our communities. Our mission is dedicated to serving and educating individuals and communities about healthcare and financial management. This mission is carried out through education, outreach, and community partnerships. Our primary focus is healthcare awareness, financial education, healthy living, family, and community development. The program provides tools and awareness that help to bring about a needed changes in the lifestyles of individuals, their families, and their respective communities. Learn more at <https://2ndchanceoutreach.org/>

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