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## **Entertainment, Education and Collaboration: The Focus of the 1ST Annual Gospel Complex for Education & Preservation Conference**

"Embracing the Future through the Creative Arts"  
(May 2 – 6, 2009)

Fort Lauderdale, FL -- The Gospel Complex For Education & Preservation, Inc (GCEP) in collaboration with Nova Southeastern University, Verity Gospel Music Group, Broward County Cultural Division, Florida Memorial University, The Islands of the Bahamas and The Word Network will host its 1st Annual Conference, "Embracing the Future Through the Creative Arts," May 2 – 6, 2009 at Nova Southeastern University, Don Taft University Center, located at 3301 College Drive, Davie, FL.

The Conference will kick-off Saturday morning, **May 2, 2009** with the "*Always Sisters- Forever Brothers*," Youth Conference hosted by Grammy® and 2-time Dove Awards winner CeCe Winans. This will be the 4th Annual Always Sisters Conference for Teen Girls and the Inaugural joint venture for *Forever Brothers*, for teen males facilitated by the 100 Black Men of Greater Fort Lauderdale. The conference will cover a range of topics on self-esteem, abstinence, Life Lessons & Challenges and a Q&A session. Later that evening, Ms. Winans, along with Smokie Norful (left) and A-7 will host a "Musical Evening of Inspiration." All donations in the amount of \$1 - \$5 for this concert will support Ms. Winans' Sharing the Vision Foundation and the GCEP.

**On Monday, May 3, 2009** the conference begins with a full day of workshops and seminars that will be presented by **Dr. Reginald Miles**, Chicago School of Gospel Music, **Dr. Nicole Yarling, Florida Memorial University**, and **Dr. Bobby Jones**. Also included on Monday's schedule is a "Living Legends" panel hosted by gospel greats **Dr. Albertina Walker**, Founder of the legendary gospel recording group the Caravans, **Dorothy Norwood**, and others that will be taped and recorded for archive purposes to be housed at the GCEP.

**Tuesday, May 4, 2009** the conference will continue with workshops and seminars that focus on Technology, Media, and the Arts. These sessions will cover a range of topics from radio air play, to The Effects of Hip Hop Music on At-Risk Students presented by a panel of educators, to Branding: Beyond the Hype, presented by industry experts.

**Wednesday, May 5, 2009**, the conference concludes with presentations from the Creative Arts Industry of Broward County. Seminars and presentations will include topics on - What Does a Local Arts Agency Do? – 2020 Cultural Plan: Wanted Thinkers, Visionaries, Leaders, Town Hall Meeting hosted by, and **Dr. Delores Smiley**, Dean of the Office of Community Education and Diversity Affairs (OCEDA), Nova Southeastern University and a special presentation by **Elizabeth Wentworth**, Vice President Broward Alliance, Film & Television Industry. Dr. Myles Munroe, President and Founder of the Bahamas Faith Ministries International will be the special guest speaker for the closing lunch.

Each night during the three-day conference attendees are invited to attend **Dr. Bobby Jones New Artist Showcase** and special tapings of the BET J “Let’s Talk Church segment.”

Registration for the 1st Annual GCEP conference is free and open to all. To register and receive specific information and conference schedule call (954) 494.7596 or visit us at [www.gospelcomplex.org](http://www.gospelcomplex.org).