

Kirk Franklin, Hezekiah Walker, Tamela Mann, Marvin Sapp, Donald Lawrence, William McDowell and More Featured on Double Album

Entertainment One Music (eOne Music) is set to release a blowout compilation from gospel's biggest stars today, with the double-disc album *Billboard #1 Gospel Hits*, out on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Featuring the greatest hits of this decade, the 20-track album includes the #1 Billboard Gospel hits from 2010 to now, from chart-toppers Kirk Franklin, Hezekiah Walker, Tamela Mann, Marvin Sapp, Donald Lawrence, William McDowell, Ricky Dillard & New G, Israel & New Breed, Andraé Crouch, and more.

A must-have collection of powerful favorites impacting countless fans across the globe, *Billboard #1 Gospel Hits* is a timeless lineup from gospel's leading artists, and features some unforgettable collaborations. From contemporary gospel to choir, the album's diverse roster of Grammy, Stellar and Dove Award-winning superstars includes the best gospel songs that have hit #1 from Kirk Franklin's crossover hit "I

Smile," "Every Praise" from Hezekiah Walker, "I Can Only Imagine" from Tamela Mann, and "I Believe" from James Fortune & FIYA ft. Zacardi Cortez and Shawn McLemore to "The Gift" by Donald Lawrence, "The Best In Me" by Marvin Sapp, "Let The Church Say Amen" from Andraé Crouch ft. Marvin Winans, and "Amazing" from Ricky Dillard & New G.

Phil Thornton, Vice President and General Manager of Urban Inspirational at eOne Music, says: "At eOne Music, we are thrilled to team up with Billboard to release a dynamic collection from artists who have led the sounds of gospel in this decade thus far. Billboard continues to be one of music's preeminent destinations for fans to turn to, as an industry leader who bridges the fan experience to today's best hits and what's next."

A testament to the inspirational power of praise and spiritual reflection, *Billboard #1 Gospel Hits* features these 20 tracks:

...About Wura Grant

Wura Grant is a Christian praise and worship leader, singer, and songwriter whose expressed mission is "to share the love and word of God through music". Her musical style is one of jubilant praise and worship to the glory of God. She graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Finance from Keller Graduate School in Atlanta, GA. Her single "There is A Name". She wrote this song as a testament to the power in the Name of Jesus, having gone through her trials in life this song came to her which reiterates "At the Name of Jesus

I SEE VICTORY



every knee must bow and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phillipians 2:10). She will release her 2nd single in 2014 that will bring the message of "Peace in the midst of a storm".

Special Pick...

Our special pick track for the month of December is "Let the Church Say Amen" its track #12 on the album Journey written by Crouch, Andrae Edward. It's a soul lifting song which every Church should incorporate into their worship service. You can check for this track on YouTube.

Choir: let the church (pause) say amen, let the church (pause) say amen God has spoken _____, let the church say amen let the church (pause) say amen to what his plans are let the church (pause) say amen to what his words say let the church (pause) say amen God has spoken God has spoken God has spoken let the church let the church say amen make this your response amen to whatever he says amen from the healing of your body amen to the raising of the dead (choir) amen no matter how you feeling (choir) amen or how your world is reeling (choir) amen battle on through the night amen cause you're going to win the fight amen even in the valley amen (harmony) or standing at your red sea amen (harmony) continue to say amen (harmony) cause your help is on the way. amen why? God has spoken (so let the church say) let the church say amen lift your hands where-ever you are, and say 'let the church' choir: let the church (pause) say amen, let the church (pause) say amen alto: God has said God has spoken ???, let the church say amen all we needed was a word from the Lord, we've got it so let the church..let the church..sayamen.oh ???

LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

ooh, let the church let the whole church say amen God has spoken God has spoken well, well, well, well, let the church let the church say amen let the church (pause) say amen i need you to say it amen when your dream is about to die amen knowing that God is not a man amen



he just can't lie amen in spite of what amen what the devil does amen know you've got a word amen that has come from above amen faith must be amen must be what you say amen so open your mouth amen. and say amen today amen cause God has spoken, i heard him when he said it let the church say amen if God said it you can't change it rearrange it God said it, believe it receive it! God has spoken ooh-ooh ooh-ooh ooh

Mairo Challenges Gospel Music Top Guns

As he tries to chart a new course in the Nigerian gospel music industry, Mairo a new gospel musician has challenged the top guns in the industry.

He said that the Nigerian music scene needs a kind of revival in order for the industry to compete favorably with other aspects of the music industry 'the industry has seen the likes of Sammie Okposo, Tope Alabi, Buchi and other top gospel musicians doing their best for the industry, but right now, I feel that they should give way for the younger and upcoming gospel artists to grow. They should also be pillars of support for those of us who are just coming up. Gospel music is an important part of the music industry in Nigeria and needs as much attention as other aspects of the industry. I look forward to working with everyone of them as we go along.'

Mairo who has worked as a chorister in different Christian ministries, has four singles to

his name. He has shared the stage with many great gospel music giants such as Ron Kenoly, Lionel Peterson, CobhamsAsuquo, PITA, Lara George, Nathaniel Bassey, Paul



labor and others.

Mairo, says he is out to bring people closer to God through his music, he believes he has been called by grace and anointed by God to bring the good news of the gospel across the nations of the world