

DOVE Awards were taped in Nashville, TN at Lipscomb University and will broadcast on TBN on Sunday, October 21st, 2018 at 9/8C.

Wells, who was the former lead singer for Christian rock group **Royal Tailor**, performed his number-one single "Known" from his solo debut album, "**Hills and Valleys**," and performed "War Cry" with show winners **Social Club Misfits**.

Backstage Wells said, "While it's great to pose for all these pictures and getting to hold all these trophies, this doesn't matter as much as what is happening inside our hearts."

Wells' debut solo single, "Hills and Valleys" lifted from the album of the same name, has received over 100 million digital streams and its accompanying acoustic style music video has been viewed over 24 million times; the third single "When We Pray" peaked at number two Billboard National Airplay chart. Tauren also achieved number one status being featured on Crowder's hit song "All My Hope."



Tauren Wells is currently touring with Dove Award winner, and Capitol recording artist, Danny Gokey on the "Hope Encounter" Tour.

For more information on Tauren Wells visit TaurenWells.com.

It's a Great Day at the Baptist General Convention of Virginia

TBR – (Richmond, VA –October 22, 2018) -- It's a great day at the **Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA)** and there is change, movement and excitement in the air. Most recently, the organization celebrated its 119th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education

in Richmond, VA. The classes, lectures, fellowship and worship experiences were all impactful and uplifting to the body of Christ along with great attendance.

Under the leadership of its **President, Dr. Gregory M. Howard**, he says, "I trust that we will continue to preach and witness prophetically while attending to the essential needs of all of God's people."

On Thursday, October 18, 2018, during its General Board Meeting, the celebration continued with new appointees assigned to chair various commissions. BGCVA Executive Minister **Dr. Leo Whitaker** introduced fifteen new chairpersons over fifteen commissions. They include **Rev. Tonia Burruss**, Christian Formation/Education, **Dr. Gregory Howard**, Covenant (BGCVA/Churches), **Rev. William Reid**, Commission on Credentialing, **Dr. Keith Savage**, Evangelism, **Mr. Larry Murphy**, Facility Management, **Dr. Ricardo Brown**, Finance, **Mr. Steven Brown**, Health, **Rev. Joseph Fleming**, Human Resources, **Ms. Rosette Graham**, Missions, **Dr. Robert L. Pettis, Sr.**, Publishing/Resource Development, **Dr. James Coleman**, Social Justice, **Mr. Keith Horne**, Technology, **Rev. Serenus Churn**, Worship & Arts, **Rev. Marvin Gilliam**, Youth & Young Adults and **Minister Sheilah Belle "The Belle"**, Publicity/Special Events.

(In photo Dr. D. Shawrod Riddick, Co-Chairperson and Minister Sheilah Belle, Chairperson over BGCVA Publicity/Special Events)

Each Chairperson will be working with a Co-Chairperson and several other members assigned to their team.

"I am extremely excited to chair the commission of **Publicity/Special Events**," says The Belle. "We already have several ideas for events that will benefit not only the BGCVA but also our communities and churches throughout Virginia." **Dr. D. Shawrod Riddick** will serve as the Co-chairperson. Also joining the team will be **Patrice Miles**, **Antoinette Essa** and **Rev. Cheryle Walters-Rodriquez**.

The best is truly yet to come!

BGCVA Mission

To unite and equip churches, ministries, associations, and constituents to do holistic ministry that propagate the Gospel, advances the Kingdom of God, and supports education and missions in Virginia and beyond. Our mission is to encourage



Richmond, VA – October 21, 2018 -- Mt. Olivet Church, where **Bishop Darryl Husband** is the senior pastor, served as the backdrop for a powerful Saturday morning prayer Breakfast. Under the visionary of **Minister Kathy L. Cheatham**, Intercessors, Prayer Warriors, Ministers, Preachers, Teachers and Christ lovers were invited to participate in a morning of focused prayer.

The vision included praying for various areas of the community including, the **Family, Education, Religion, Media, Government, Arts & Entertainment** and **Business**. The focused areas of prayer were led by **Elder Wonda Holtom, Minister Lisa Johnson, Minister Freda Wilkins, Minister Sheilah Belle, Elder Cherral Moore, Pastor Dwayne Whitehead, Jr., and Dominique Stroman**.

Jane Coles from Jerusalem Baptist Church was the special guest Psalmist and **Deacon Edwin Riddick** delivered a special Mime Ministry presentation.

The morning also included a scrumptious breakfast with eggs, fishcakes, fried potatoes, sausage, bacons, rolls, teach, coffee and bottled water.

This was a powerful program.

Songbook® - the Social Media for Musicians® Has Opened Its Silicon Valley Office to Secure Funding

BELMONT, Calif., Oct. 17, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Songbook® – the Social Media for Musicians® announced today that it has opened its Silicon Valley Operations Center in Belmont, California.

Songbook is conducting an Initial Partnership Offering to secure funding toward completion of the world's first Interactive/Omni-Directional/Eco-Streaming platform to facilitate the Indie Music Industry. "We've coupled our SoMe/So-Com hybrid platform with our own Omni-Directional/Eco-streaming algorithm. We believe we've rendered every music-streaming-only platform obsolete. We can now create and customize entire music ecosystems! We want to show investors how we've done it."

It's estimated that 1 in 7 people make music every day, and yet there is no 'flagship' platform that facilitates independent music artistry. "Songbook is that flagship," state co-founders Steve Webster and Roy Torley. "Songbook is the whole package for Indie songwriters, musicians, and performers – and it's interactive!"

Songbook speaks 'Musician', we share the same digital DNA! Indies can fuel their passion and build their success on our platform. More money to streaming artists; the conduit for writers and musicians to meet, share and collaborate; 'real-

time' opportunities to perform within their markets. Songwriters will interface with music publishers to audition their music 'on demand' in a whole new way.

Its Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) design performs 'on-demand' to deliver fulfillment from Musicians and Songwriters throughout their markets by curating 'real-time' supply-and-demand analytics for local/global music ecosystems.

They add, "We are so excited about our branding. It's powerful and instantly recognizable. Everyone who sees it will associate it with nothing but music."



Gospel Music Stars Bishop Hezekiah Walker and Kierra Sheard To Perform at dfree® Homecoming Conference In Somerset, NJ on Friday, October 26th

"The Belle Report is also giving away a pair of tickets to the first 10 people that register using the code "hezekiahwalker": <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dfree-2018-homecoming-conference-tickets-44409492989>



Somerset, New Jersey – dfree®, the global Financial Freedom Movement that has helped individuals and organizations pay down more than \$1 million in debt, hosts its Homecoming Conference October 25th – 28th at **First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens**.

On Friday, October 26th, the tone will be set with a dynamic Gospel concert featuring Grammy winner Bishop Hezekiah Walker and Gospel music darling Kierra Sheard. Reverend DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. says of the concert "we don't believe we can accomplish anything without worship. Worship is a spiritual requirement and it is the foundation of everything that we do."

Kierra Sheard is the powerhouse Detroit-bred vocalist and heir apparent to the Clark Sisters dynasty that includes her mother, Karen Clark Sheard. Kierra gained notoriety with her 2004 debut album *I Owe You* and since then has released four albums including the Grammy nominated *This Is Me*. Sheard is beloved for her captivating energy, soaring vocals and youthful yet authentic approach to Gospel music.

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Bishop Jakes Captures Historic Mother-to-Mother Moment: Sybrina Fulton Honors Allison Jean At International Gathering

DALLAS, Oct. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Trayvon Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton, presented the Lady of Grace award to Allison Jean, mother of Botham Jean, last night during the God's Leading Ladies

gala at Bishop T.D. Jakes' Woman, Thou Art Loosed! Master Class conference. The award recognizes Jean's grace, courageous faith, strength and resilience as she rose up to advocate not only for her son, but for others who have unjustly lost their lives.

The historic moment captured the two women who are inextricably linked by the tragic and unexpected loss of their sons through racially motivated violence: one to an overzealous neighbor and the other to an off-duty police officer. Fulton has become an advocate and consoler to other families who have lost loved ones due to violence.

Jakes, senior pastor of The Potter's House, has worked to keep public attention on the issue of racially unjust violence:

"This is a 200-year-old problem that we are still facing within contemporary society. Today too many families have become victims to senseless tragedies. Now is the time to unite and not divide. We need leaders of all colors to come together and recognize we have a problem across America. My hope and prayer is that together as a community we can work together to educate society and change this disturbing pattern. Regardless of race and background, every mother should feel that her children are safe."

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Founded in 1996, The Potter's House is a 30,000-member nondenominational, multicultural church and humanitarian organization led by Bishop T. D. Jakes. Consistently ranked among the largest and most influential churches in the U.S., The Potter's House has five locations across Texas, Colorado and California. For more information, visit ThePottersHouse.org.

Held live in Nashville, TN, Koryn Hawthorne took the main stage at the Dove Awards in a duet performance with chart-topping recording artist Natalie Grant, marking their television debut together on their song "Speak the Name." Marvin Sapp and Israel Houghton also presented awards on the show. Additionally, gospel icon Kirk Franklin joined Tori Kelly on the main stage in a first-time Dove Awards performance together of their song "Never Alone."

Celebrating the diverse styles of artists from every form of Christian/Gospel music, the GMA Dove Awards honors the contributions of recording artists, filmmakers, and producers, including Contemporary Christian music, Traditional, Contemporary, and Southern Gospel, Pop, Spanish Language, Rock, Rap/Hip-Hop, Inspirational Film, Children's Music, Worship, and more. The 49th Annual GMA Dove Awards will air exclusively on TBN on Sunday, October 21st, 2018 at 9 pm/8 pm CT.

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In Other News...

New HI-TAPO App Offers Unprecedented Support During Law Enforcement Stops

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- The centuries-old criminal justice paradigm has just shifted. HI-TAPO, a new free mobile app for Android phones, which launches today as a pilot program, could change everyday interaction between residents and law enforcement for the better.

HI-TAPO (pronounced hi-toppo) is an innovative monitoring and social networking system designed to provide immediate support for individuals interacting with law enforcement; promote safety during stops; protect against potential rights violations; foster greater law enforcement accountability; and assist in community-building. Visit www.HI-TAPO.com.

HI-TAPO instantly documents user interactions with law enforcement via streaming video, social sharing, and text and e-mail notifications to a pre-programmed network of up to 10 family members, friends, loved ones and civic and community organizations.

"Additionally, HI-TAPO can provide a mechanism for collaborative, fair and equitable oversight of local police, state troopers, sheriffs, ICE agents, and others. It can be used as a new tool in community policing. With HI-TAPO, communities can actually map police stops," said HI-TAPO CEO and app developer Martin Whitehead.

The HI-TAPO app is available for free download to Android mobile phones through Google Play. HI-TAPO is user-friendly with an easy swipe-and-click activation, and starting in November, audio activation.

Once the HI-TAPO app is activated, live streaming of audio and video immediately begin to record the user's interaction and GPS tracking pinpoints the location. Alerts are sent to those in the user's network allowing them to listen to and view the interaction in real time. If necessary, the audio/video can be used in a court of law.

After activating HI-TAPO, the user can hit an "all-clear" button once the interaction has concluded. However, if there is no all-clear signal given after a pre-determined amount of time, an SOS alert will automatically be sent to his/her network.

In addition, following the stop, HI-TAPO allows users to write a review of the interaction, including the officer's name, badge number, the reason for the stop, use of force, if any, and a rating of the overall experience with a thumb's up or down.



The HI-TAPO system will aggregate ratings and comments about interactions with law enforcement providing greater transparency, information sharing, an opportunity for community-building, as well as a vehicle for highlighting well-trained officers who engage the community in a fair and equitable way. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/HI.TAPO/videos/1897634000368656/>

Subscription service to provide live, 24-hour support.

HI-TAPO offers a subscription service which provides live, 24/7 on-demand concierge support. If users are arrested or detained, HI-TAPO activates automatically to help their networks find them more quickly and work on their behalf. The concierge service is \$9.99 per month, or get a month free with an annual subscription of \$109.99. Group discounts and grants are also available at contact@HI-TAPO.com.

NAACP Partners with WE TV In Multi-Platform Effort To Underscore The Importance of Voting In the Mid-Term Election Campaign Features WE tv Talent Encouraging Viewers to Vote on November 6

(Black PR Wire) BALTIMORE -- NAACP, the nation's foremost civil rights organization, today announced a partnership with WE tv, the #1 cable network for African-American viewers on Thursday nights, that encourages the channel's viewers to make their voices heard by voting on November 6. The non-partisan effort features WE tv talent delivering the "get out the vote" message that underscores the importance of participating in the democratic process and emphasizes that together with the NAACP, WE make a difference.

The national spots, which began airing on the network's social and linear channels on Thursday, October 4, feature WE tv celebrities such as Romeo Miller, Angela Simmons, Trina Braxton, Towanda Braxton, Bossip's Tyler Chronicles and more. The campaign imagery highlights the talent speaking out alongside the message, "it's hard to make a difference – if you don't use your voice," and finishes with the message that "when we vote – we decide who speaks for us, and it's never been more important to be heard." Viewers are directed to naacp.org for more information. In addition to WE tv platforms, the NAACP will also distribute the campaign via its [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) accounts, and naacp.org/vote will serve as a hub for resources and information regarding voting.

"The NAACP has always been a leader in the struggle to improve the lives of black people in America and we are excited to join WE tv in this partnership to engage their viewers to make their voices heard in November," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson. "There is too much at stake for this election. The decisions that we make now will have a five-year effect that will possibly change the entire face of our Congress. We each have the power, not just vote, but also to empower others to make our voices heard at the ballot box. We must vote in far greater numbers because our lives, our very existence depends on it."

"We are proud to work with our partners at the NAACP on a spectrum of activities, all designed to encourage our influential African-American audience to vote in the upcoming mid-term elections," said WE tv President Marc Juris. "Our Thursday night viewers are highly engaged with our brand across multiple platforms, creating a perfect opportunity to deliver a powerful and targeted 'get out and vote' message. The right to cast a ballot is more important than ever before and WE, along with the NAACP, really can make a difference."

In addition to his oversight of WE tv, Marc Juris also serves as Chairman of the Hollywood Outreach Committee of the NAACP.

Industry News...

"RICKEY SMILEY FOR REAL" SEASON 5 PREMIERES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 ON TV ONE

**New Season Features the Return of Award-Winning
Syndicated Radio Personality Rickey Smiley, Along with his Crew Da Brat,
Porsha Williams, Juicy, Headkrack and Gary with Da Tea**



TV One's hit franchise **RICKEY SMILEY FOR REAL**, a one-hour docu-series featuring award-winning syndicated radio personality, host and stand-up comedian **Rickey Smiley**, will return for season five on Tuesday, October 30 at 8 p.m. ET/7C. The doc-u-series captures Smiley as he continues to navigate the ups and downs of professional demands, single fatherhood and intimate relationships. Shooting in Atlanta, where he resides during the week, and in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama, where he raises his family, Smiley's struggle to find work-life balance while trying to maintain a love life has become a central focus and source of laughter for fans of the show.

"I'm excited that TV One is bringing **Rickey Smiley For Real** back for a fifth season. It's truly been an honor to share my family with the world. Through my partnership with production company Bobbcat Films, we aim to create television the whole family can watch together," says Rickey Smiley.

Infusing his authentic brand of comedy into every situation, this season **RICKEY SMILEY FOR REAL** will deliver more of the 3 F's - Fun, Family and Frama. "Frama" is the family drama that only people in Rickey's close-knit circle can bring. At home, Rickey is turning 50 and dealing with everyone trying to turn his special day into something they want. Meanwhile, Rickey's college-aged daughter **D'Essence Smiley** gets arrested for two DUI's, **Aaryn's** mom gets remarried, and Rickey now has 4 new teens living in his house courtesy of his over-the-top cousin.



Over at the radio station, fresh off her performance in the stage play "Set It Off," **Da Brat** has decided that she wants to be the next female entertainment mogul. **Headkrak** and **Beyonce** have started an event planning company, while Juicy wants to start a surprising new side hustle! Porsha Williams tries to play matchmaker for Rickey, and Gary has discovered that he has a life-threatening health issue that he refuses to let conquer him. While the situations are at times as serious as they come, Rickey's unique humor and perspective on life adds just the special ingredient to make season 5 the most exciting, emotional and entertaining season ever!

RICKEY SMILEY FOR REAL is produced by Bobbcat Films for TV One with Rickey Smiley and Roger M. Bobb as executive producers, and Angi Bones as co-executive producer. For TV One, Susan Henry and Gold Morgan are executives-in-charge of production; Donyell McCullough is Sr. Director of Talent & Casting; and Robyn Greene Arrington is Interim Head of Original Programming and Production.

For more information about TV One's upcoming programming, including original movies, visit the network's companion website at www.tvone.tv. TV One viewers can also join the

conversation by connecting via social media on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) (@tvonetv) using #RICKEYSMILEYFORREAL and #REPRESENT.

Official Worldwide Box Office Results for Weekend of October 21, 2018

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Universal and Blumhouse scare up a huge horror wave of enthusiasm with a scarily strong \$91.8 million global debut of 'Halloween' in 24 territories including North America where it posted the second biggest horror debut ever and the second biggest October opening weekend on record.

The top 12 worldwide weekend box office estimates, listed in descending order, per data collected as of Sunday, October 21, are below.

1. Halloween - Universal - \$91.8M
2. Venom - Sony - \$50.4M
3. Star Is Born, A - Warner Bros. - \$42.1M
4. First Man - Universal - \$22.0M
5. Smallfoot - Warner Bros. - \$20.6M
6. Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween - Sony - \$15.9M
7. Project Gutenberg - Multiple - \$14.7M
8. Hate U Give, The - 20th Century Fox - \$7.5M
9. Night School - Universal - \$6.5M
10. Bad Times At The El Royale - 20th Century Fox - \$5.8M

11. Spy Who Dumped Me, The - Lionsgate - \$5.7M
12. Lost, Found - Multiple - \$5.3M



The top 12 domestic weekend box office estimates, listed in descending order, per data collected as of Sunday, October 21, are below.

1. Halloween - Universal - \$77.5M
2. Star Is Born, A - Warner Bros. - \$19.3M
3. Venom - Sony - \$18.1M
4. Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween - Sony - \$9.7M
5. First Man - Universal - \$8.6M
6. Hate U Give, The - 20th Century Fox - \$7.5M
7. Smallfoot - Warner Bros. - \$6.6M
8. Night School - Universal - \$5.0M
9. Bad Times At The El Royale - 20th Century Fox - \$3.3M
10. Old Man & The Gun, The - Fox Searchlight - \$2.0M

11. House With A Clock In Its Walls, The - Universal - \$1.7M
12. MET Opera: Samson Et Dalila (2018) - Fathom Events - \$1.2M

Original Stage Play Based on Bestselling Novel Returns to Stage

NEW ORLEANS (PRWEB) October 19, 2018 --When Dr. Rhonda Lawson produced her first stage play, Cheatin' in the Next Room, for one night only back in February, she only hoped for a great turnout and positive reviews. However, she never anticipated the demand she received to bring back the production.

Heeding the demand, the Meet the World Image Solutions founder has revived the play, based on her 2004 bestselling novel of the same name, and is taking it to Slidell's Cutting Edge Theater Nov. 9-11.

"It was so exciting to know that people were still talking about the stage play after all these months," said Lawson, publicist and five-time novelist. "New Orleans gave me so much love when I first published Cheatin' in the Next Room fourteen years ago, and it's amazing to see that the play is getting that same appreciation."

Cheatin' in the Next Room, tells the story of how an affair can affect more those who committed it. Although infidelity storylines are familiar in literature, Lawson explained that this story is about much more.

"This book takes a deeper look at the far-reaching effects of infidelity, such as damaged friendships, fragmented trust, misplaced blame, and self worth," she said. "It is an emotional and dramatic story, but there are also some very funny moments."

Much of the original cast has returned to the production, but with a few changes. This time around, the play will be directed by New Orleans actor and rapper Teddo November, who played Henry in the original production. Also new to the cast will be noted New Orleans actor Tre Lopez as Christopher, and newcomer Eryn Brown, who will play the tempting Alexis. Returning will be New Orleans actress Jeanette Scott as Brenda, actress and model Amber Ned and Aunt Mary, actor Willie Lee as Darnell, actor Demetrius Bradley as the wise-cracking Byron, and Mrs. Louisiana Universal 2019 Clairica Lange, as Christopher's wife Andrea.

"To have so much of our original cast return to the production is a true honor," Lawson said. "Each of these actors have brought a new energy to the performance, so much so that even if you saw the play in February, it will be like watching an entirely different production."

Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased on Eventbrite or at the Cutting Edge Theater. Each person who purchases a ticket will also receive a free Kindle version of the original novel.

RYU Featured in L.A. Confidential - The Men's Issue



VANCOUVER, Oct. 18, 2018 /PRNewswire/ - RYU Apparel Inc., creators of urban athletic apparel, is pleased to share hyperlocal media coverage of the brand's profile, in the printed edition of Los Angeles Confidential – The Men's Issue.

The full-page feature story titled: "Urbane Renewal: Respect Your Universe Brings Cool Athletic Wear to Fashion Island," showcases RYU's #YourUniverse image of award-winning drummer & artist, Pauli – the PSM, along with a comprehensive overview on the brand and campaign. The article makes an important call out that Marcello Leone, CEO, has coined the term, 'Urban athletic wear.'

The article also highlights RYU's US debut with its Venice Beach location and is about to open a second SoCal location, in Newport Beach, O.C., in time for the Holiday Season.

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RYU is thrilled to be now part of such conversation.

10-time GRAMMY® Award winner, Chaka Khan, Selected As 2019 Tournament Of Roses® Grand Marshal

PASADENA, Calif., Oct. 17, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Singer, songwriter, and philanthropist Chaka Khan was announced today as the 2019 Grand Marshal by Tournament of Roses® President Gerald Freeny. Chaka will ride in the

130th Rose Parade® presented by Honda, themed "The Melody of Life" and join in the pre-game celebration of the 105th Rose Bowl Game® presented by Northwestern Mutual both are held on January 1, 2019. As an added bonus for millions of viewers around the world, Chaka is scheduled to perform in the parade's Opening Spectacular.

Chaka is one of the most celebrated musicians with a rich musical legacy. As a singer, songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, and entrepreneur, Chaka has influenced generations of entertainers. She has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical. Affectionately known around the world as Chaka, she is respected by millions of fans as well as her peers for her timeless, classic and unmatched signature music style and ability. Throughout her legendary career, Chaka has released 22 albums and ten #1 Billboard magazine charted songs. However, the song that propelled her to stardom was the 1984 chart-topping, GRAMMY® award-winning song, "I Feel For You," written and first performed by Prince.

Despite her busy schedule, Chaka has always made time to support and uplift her community. In 1999 she established the Chaka Khan Foundation which educates, inspires and empowers children to achieve their full potential. Through the Chaka Believes Program, the foundation gives children in Los Angeles who are at risk, either through poverty or through health issues like autism, the ability to achieve their dreams and give back to the community.

Halle Berry and Lena Waithe to Executive Produce Boomerang Series On BET Networks From Paramount Television



New York, NY - September 24, 2018— Academy Award®-winning actress, **Halle Berry**, and Emmy® Award-winning screenwriter/producer, **Lena Waithe**, have signed on as executive producers for the BOOMERANG series.

Produced by BET Networks and Paramount Television, the 10-episode half-hour series will premiere in 2019 on BET. Ben Cory Jones is attached as show runner and will executive produce the series along with Rishi Rajani from Hillman Grad Productions, Berry and Waithe. Waithe and Jones co-wrote the pilot episode and Dime Davis will direct the pilot episode as well as additional episodes including the finale.

Based on the 1992 American romantic comedy film, this new series will follow the lives of Jacqueline Boyer's son and Marcus and Angela Graham's daughter as they try to step out of their parents' shadows and make a legacy of their own.

"I'm thrilled to team up with Lena on this project as she is without a doubt a leading voice of her generation and a trail blazer in her own right. I'm truly excited to be a part of bringing this iconic and beloved film to the small screen," said Berry.

"This is less of a reboot and more of a continuation of the original story," said Waithe. "There's no point in trying to remake a classic. It can't be done. So we want to create something fresh that speaks to a new generation. We hope people will come to the show with an open mind and ready to embrace the new world we've created!"

"Partnering an icon such as Halle with a disruptor like Lena is a perfect blend for the creation of a project that tells a classic tale in a relevant voice," said Scott Mills, President, BET Networks. "This partnership demonstrates BET's commitment to the continued elevation of the brand, collective creativity and authentic storytelling."

Halle Berry has garnered praise not only for her numerous leading roles, but for her work with a range of influential organizations. For her brilliant performance in *Monster's Ball*, Berry won an Academy Award for "Best Actress," as well as a SAG Award, the Berlin Silver Bear Award and was named "Best Actress" by the National Board of Review. Berry was also nominated for a Golden Globe for "Best Actress" for her role in *Frankie and Alice* and previously earned an Emmy, Golden Globe, SAG and NAACP Image Awards for her extraordinary performance in HBO's telefilm, *INTRODUCING DOROTHY DANDRIDGE*, which she also produced. Berry joined the prestigious list of actresses starring in the James Bond franchise with her role of "Jinx" in *Die Another Day* opposite Pierce Brosnan, which also marked Bond's 40th anniversary and is one of the top five grossing Bond movies of all time.

She will next be seen in Lionsgate's *John Wick: Chapter 3* as an assassin named "Sofia" opposite Keanu Reeves and Anjelica Huston. The movie is set for release May 17, 2019. It was also recently announced that Berry is set to make her feature directorial debut with *Bruised* in which she will also star. The plot will follow a disgraced MMA fighter who must fight a rising MMA star while becoming the mother her child deserves. The movie will begin production in March of next year. Berry recently starred in 20th Century Fox's *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* starring alongside Taron Egerton, Channing Tatum, Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Mark Strong and Jeff Bridges.

Berry is also an active supporter and chair member of the Jenesse Center in Los Angeles. The Jenesse Center was founded in 1980 and assists victims of domestic violence and aims to change the pattern of abuse in the lives of women and children. Berry's other charitable efforts include the Diabetes Aware Campaign and the Make-A-Wish Foundation among others.

Emmy® Award winning writer, creator and actress Lena Waithe, first made headlines in front of the camera as Denise in the critically acclaimed Netflix series *MASTER OF NONE*. Waithe co-wrote the "Thanksgiving" episode, for which she received an Emmy® Award in the category of "Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series" and a NAACP Image Award

nomination. She currently serves as creator and executive producer of the Showtime drama series THE CHI. As a writer, producer, Waithe's credits include STEP SISTERS and DEAR WHITE PEOPLE. Waithe's upcoming projects include TWENTIES which she created, wrote and will produce for TBS and QUEEN & SLIM which she wrote, starring Daniel Kaluuya and directed by Melina Matsoukas. She also has THEM a horror anthology series for Amazon and HBO's Untitled Kid Fury Project, both of which she will produce.



Outside the Gospel Box...

MTV To Honor Janet Jackson As 2018 “GLOBAL ICON” AT “MTV EMAS” Airing Worldwide On November 4

NEW YORK/BILBAO—OCT. 17, 2018—MTV will honor Janet Jackson with its 2018 “Global Icon” award at the “2018 MTV EMAs,” one of the biggest global music events of the year that celebrates the hottest

artists from around the world.

Jackson will perform a medley of her greatest hits including her recent smash single, “Made for Now.”

Janet Jackson is one of the most influential entertainers of the modern era. Her recent single, “Made For Now,” with Reggaeton superstar Daddy Yankee debuted at #1 on iTunes charts and the video currently has nearly 45 million views. Her music has won her 6 GRAMMY® Awards, 2 Emmy Nominations, a Golden Globe Award, a nomination for an Academy Award along with dozens of American Music Awards, MTV Video Music Awards and Billboard Music Awards. She has received accolades as an actress as well including the NAACP Best Supporting Actor award. Janet is a published author, dancer, businessperson, philanthropist and one of the biggest-selling artists in popular music history. With sales of over 160 million records worldwide, Janet Jackson stands as one of the best-selling artists of all time with a string of hits that have left an indelible impression on pop culture. Her music and artistry has opened doors through which other top artists have followed, many acknowledging her impact on their musical perception.

“Janet is without question one of the world’s biggest stars. Her incredible artistry has opened doors for countless others while leaving an indelible impact on pop culture – well over 3 decades and counting,” said Bruce Gillmer, Global Head of Music and Talent, Viacom and Co-Brand Head, MTV International. “We’re thrilled to honor her as this year’s MTV Global Icon.”

The “2018 MTV EMAs” will air live around the globe from Bilbao Exhibition Centre, Spain on Sunday, November 4 at 9:00pm CET, and across MTV’s global network of channels in more than 180 countries and territories, reaching more than half a billion households around the world.

Additional performers will be announced in the coming weeks.

Voting is now open to the public at mtvema.com until November 3rd at 11:59pm CET. For artwork, press assets and further information please visit press.mtvema.com.

Compas Music invades Martinique for the first ever International Haitian Compas Festival

(Black PR Wire) - The Haitian Compas Festival is proud to be putting the finishing touches on a once in a lifetime event as it prepares for the Martinique Edition of the uber popular Haitian Compas Festival on November 17, 2018 in Stade Louis Achille in Fort de France.

“We have always wanted to do something and expand our brand, bringing the Haitian Compas Festival to Martinique seemed like the perfect fit and we are excited for November 17th to come,” explains Co-Founder, Rodney Noel. As a



tribute to Tabou Combo's 50th Anniversary some of Haiti's top entertainers are coming together to bring Compas to the island. Groups like Nu Look, VayB, Gabel, Harmonik, Djakout #1, Kwakxi and Original H from Paris.

A handful of solo performers will be on hand for a very special tribute, including Keke Belizaire and Fabrice Rouzier from the renowned group Mizik Mizik, international sensation BeLO, and the legend himself Robert Martino.

Celebrating 20 years of music in Miami this year, the Haitian Compas Festival is known for bringing the best of the best to the stage and creating epic musical moments that have made Haitian music history. Martinique has embraced Compas music for decades and for the first time the Haitian Compas Festival will embrace the island's Caribbean influences and its love of everything Haitian along with its beautiful beaches, museums, botanical gardens all etched around a rich history.

The Haitian Compas Festival is excited to bring that same flair, excitement and sound to the island for the first time on such a grand scale. A Kick-off party with Vayb is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018, and on Friday, November 16, 2018, Nu Look and Harmonik will introduce Martinique to the classic All Black Affair before the festival lights up Stade Louis Achille on Saturday, November 17th. Hotel Packages are limited and available on www.compasfestmartinique.eventbrite.com for 4 Days and 3 Nights from Thursday, November 15 to Sunday, November 18, 2018. Party and Festival tickets are also available on Eventbrite. Call 305-945-8814 now for more detailed information.



A MOMENT WITH More Than 480,000 Drivers are on Their Phones at Any Given Daylight Moment; New PSAs Encourage Drivers to Break Their Texting and Driving Habit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, the **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)** and the Ad Council announced new television and radio PSAs (public service advertisements) for their "Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks" campaign, which reminds drivers that distracted driving is never acceptable. According to the most recent NHTSA data, at any given time during daylight hours, an estimated 481,000 drivers are using handheld devices such as smartphones.* The new PSA can be viewed [here](#).

"Reading or sending a text while driving isn't worth risking your life and the lives of those around you," said Lisa Sherman, president and CEO of the Ad Council. "By helping drivers curb this habit, we will save nearly 10 lives from being lost to distracted driving each day."

Ad Council research shows that more than nine in ten Americans believe sending (94%) and reading (91%) texts while driving is dangerous or very dangerous. However, while people know that the behavior is dangerous, many still text and drive regularly.

To address the disconnect between awareness and behavior, the new creative assets, created pro bono by Pereira O'Dell, humorously depict the daily life of one man who just can't put his phone down. He stumbles through life with his eyes glued to his screen – making blunders along the way – until he gets behind the wheel and responsibly puts his phone aside. This winking creative approach acknowledges the powerful need many people feel to always keep an eye on their phone and concludes with a reminder to "text and whatever, just don't text and drive."

"We wanted to demonstrate levity alongside a very serious situation that whether or not you love to be on your phone, the road is no place for that," said Jason Apaliski, Executive Creative Director at Pereira O'Dell.

The new creative work includes TV, radio and social media assets. Per the Ad Council's model, the new PSAs will be distributed to media outlets nationwide and run in donated media time and space. To date, the "Stop the Texts. Stop the Wrecks" campaign has received approximately \$225 million in donated media value.

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THE BELLE BITS

What's up Good People!

Soooo my weekend was a blur! However God allowed me another opportunity to show Him He could trust me! While I have four events this weekend, where I emceed, Led Prayer and hosted, it was during my fourth event on Saturday evening where I was given the opportunity to share my reflections on my life and some of the people who got me here. This turned into a short testimony, but it was in front of people I may never see again. God gave me boldness and I felt good, speaking out and on behalf of Jesus and all He has done for me. I slept well Saturday night.

***NOVEMBER 6th, MAKE Sure you Vote! Your vote will and can make a difference!**

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About the author and Editor of The Belle Report

Sheilah Belle "The Belle" has worked in the field of broadcast news, journalism and with the press for over 30 years. She is the Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of The Belle Report now entering its 15th year of publishing has become one of the top Music Industry go to platforms for Gospel and Inspirational News. The Belle has interviewed and met with some of the most influential people in the world including Nelson Mandela, President Bill Clinton, President Jimmy Carter, President Barack Obama, Oprah Winfrey, Dick Gregory, Coretta Scott King, Jesse Jackson and many more.

In addition to producing **The Belle Report**, that is published Monday through Friday, The Belle currently produces and anchors the syndicated radio news show, **The Belle Report Entertainment News Update**, now airing in 57 markets across the country. The Belle is also the Mid-Day (10am to 3pm) host and personality on **Radio One's Praise 104.7FM**, 100,000 watts, which is the most powerful Radio One Gospel radio station in the country based in Richmond, VA. The Belle is also the **NEW Host** (effective March 2, 2018) of **Faith on Fridays** that airs on the **CW Network** and **NBC TV12** in Richmond, VA.

Before being hired by Radio One, The Belle worked at **Clear Channel Radio**, which was then sold to **I Heart Radio**, which was sold to **Entercom Radio**, where her talent kept her behind the mic as **News and Community Affairs Director** and **Talk Show Hostess** for five 50,000 watts FM radio stations in Virginia, including the top Urban Radio Stations in Richmond and Norfolk, for more than 12 years.

Among her many honors, Ms. Belle was been inducted into the **Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2005**, has been honored by the **Gospel Music Workshop of America Gospel Announcers Guild**, with the Print Media Award for 2007, the **Crystal Mic Award**, **Rhythm of Gospel Awards Print Media**, several **Community Service Awards** and received two appointments by then **Virginia Governor Douglas L. Wilder**. She has worked as a News Reporter for **BET**, **WWL TV 4 in New Orleans**, **WRIC-TV**, **Richmond, VA**, **The Light** and the **Sheraton Broadcasting Network**, **Health Producer**, for the **ABC Richmond, VA TV affiliate**, and **Talk Show Hostess** from **New Orleans to New York** for television and radio. She owns **East Coast Gospel Music Summer Fest**, **The Belle Report Entertainment News Update**, **Ma & Popop Productions, Inc.**, **The Gospel Times Newspaper**, **The Belle Report**, www.thebellereport.com , **LaBelle & Associates** (a PR, Promotions and Marketing company), www.FeelGoodGospel.com .

The Belle is also the visionary, creator and producer of one of the largest outdoor **Gospel Concerts on the East Coast** under the name of **Gospel Music Fest with The Belle**, now entering its 9th year with crowds as large as 12,000. The Belle has also created **Digital Social Media Connect with The Belle** to help people navigate through Social Media with a growing response and a long list of host cities. Ms. Belle also works as a **Media Consultant** and **Publicist** for Music Outlets and Independent and national artists.

In 2016, Ms. Belle was diagnosed with Breast Cancer, however after much prayer and medical treatment, her doctors reported that they were no longer able to find any cancer in her body. On Saturday, March 18th 2017, The Belle shared her testimony of healing before a crowd of 5,000 at **Transformation Expo**, one of Radio One's largest events. Most recently in 2017 "The Belle" as she is affectionately called, was appointed to the Board for the **Baptist General Convention of Virginia**. In June 2017 she received the Empowerment and Recognition Award from Kimberly Towns Ministries and the 2017 Woman of Wealth Trailblazer Award from New Generation International Ministries. In July 2017, The Belle also was recognized by the GMWA Alliance and GAG Sisterhood as a Trailblazer and Media Mogul. In August, The Belle also served as the guest speaker for Cancer Link, the Over Combers Club and served as the Team Captain for the St. Jude Walk/Run to end childhood cancer.

The Belle is now recognized as one of the most respected **multi-media journalist** in the country. The Belle has also become a highly requested Inspirational speaker sharing platforms with Phylicia Rashad, Angela Bassett, Niecy Nash and Bishop T.D. Jakes as she continues to grow her ministry to inspire and uplift others. As a result, The Belle is NOW doing more speaking engagements in **Churches**, **Music Workshops**, **Conferences**, and **Non-Profit Organizations** with topics ranging from Ministry to Social Media.

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