

## **Carl B. Phillips Honors Aretha Franklin with Gospel Tribute during the 2019 Detroit Music Awards**

*Detroit Music Award Gospel Nominee will perform selections from Aretha's classic gospel albums*

**DETROIT - April 15, 2019 - [PRLog](#)** -- Multiple 2019 Detroit Music Award nominee Carl B. Phillips will lead a gospel tribute to Aretha Franklin during the Detroit Music Awards, Friday April 26, 2019, 7 PM at the Fillmore Theatre in Downtown Detroit.

Carl, who grew up listening to Aretha Franklin's music in his parent's home, recalls his introduction to gospel music through Aretha's "Amazing Grace" album. "The first time I saw the album "Amazing Grace" in the stores, I wondered who was Grace and why was she Amazing, not knowing this was a gospel album. But once I began singing in church choirs and learning gospel music, my love for "Amazing Grace" changed. I used the album to practice being a choir director and also work on my church shout".

For the tribute, Carl hand-selected several of Detroit's gospel female vocalists, including Sherrie Nunn-Berry, Nikki Harris, Kimberly Whitsett, and Renita Donaldson along with an ensemble of Detroit's top gospel musicians and singers to perform selections from both of Aretha's gospel albums.

This year's Detroit Music Awards takes on a special meaning for Carl, not only is he leading the Aretha Franklin Gospel Tribute, Carl has four nominations in the Gospel / Christian category. Carl is nominated in the categories of Outstanding Gospel / Christian Artist, Outstanding Gospel / Christian Songwriter, Outstanding Gospel / Christian Vocalist and Outstanding Gospel / Christian Recording.

For more information about the Detroit Music Awards and tickets visit <http://www.detroitmusicawards.net>

### **About Carl B. Phillips**

**Carl B. Phillips** is a gospel-recording artist, songwriter and producer from Detroit, MI. His debut cd "Great Rain", features the singles "Great Rain", "I Know What God Did Last Summer", "Prove Me" and "Meeting In The Air".

Carl has performed live in Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Nashville, Atlanta and Chicago. His television appearances include, WXYZ Channel 7 in Detroit, TV-57 Atlanta Live, The Dorinda Show on TCT Network and Dr. Bobby Jones Presents on the Impact Network. Locally, Carl has performed in the Ferndale Front Porch Concert Series, the 2017 Michigan State Fair and the 2018 Detroit Music Weekend.

### **About The Detroit Music Awards**

**The Detroit Music Awards Foundation** is a Michigan 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation, whose mission is to recognize Detroit area musicians working on a national, regional, and local level. The purpose is also to support and nurture the musical community in the Detroit metropolitan area and to create a network for musicians that cut across genres and styles.

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