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African-American Faith & Worship Family, Friends and Colleagues:

Hope this correspondence finds you well and in good spirits. It was this time last year, the Saturday before Resurrection Sunday, that the Xfinity **1 VOICE** 2019 Regional Gospel Showcase was held at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts, located in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Thanks to the support of a variety of DMV churches, representing over 30,000 congregation members and their amazing choirs and praise teams, 800 gospel music enthusiasts filled the room to capacity to cheer on six choirs/praise teams selected to perform live in front of four celebrity judges. The winning performance received the $5,000 grand prize, along with a guest appearance on the Bobby Jones Gospel Show taped in Nashville, Tennessee. This unprecedented participation during faith & worship communities’ busiest weekend made the inaugural **1 VOICE** Regional Gospel Showcase a true success.

On behalf of Xfinity and Prince George’s Community College in partnership with Impact TV and NBC 4, we are thrilled to announce the 2019 **1 VOICE** Regional Gospel Showcase, which will be a featured event during the opening weekend of the college’s new Center for Performing Arts on **Saturday, September 28, 2019.** Five choirs and/or praise team finalists from the DMV and Baltimore regions will perform live for an unforgettable evening of Faith, Family and Community.

Co-hosted by DC Radio Personality Madelyn Woods and NBC 4 Reporter Shomari Stone, this year’s showcase welcomes back Gospel Icon Dr. Bobby Jones and Praise 104.1FM’s Cheryl Jackson with performances by celebrity judge and noted gospel songstress Kierra Sheard as well as Grammy-nominated **1 VOICE** Musical Director Tim Bowman, Jr and his house band. Plus, newly added judge and multi-award-winning gospel sensation Fred Hammond.

We invite you and your gospel choir or praise team to participate in this exciting showcase, where you will have an opportunity to rally the support of your church membership and followers. Simply complete the organization profile form and follow the easy instructions to submit a performance video of your choir and/or praise team. Upon receipt, your video submission will be reviewed by a pre-event screening panel. Ten semifinalists will be selected from the pool of video submissions. They will have an opportunity – via a community voting process along with other criteria – to be chosen as one of the final five who will perform live at the at the Gospel Showcase.

Please visit [www.1voicegospelshowcase.com](http://www.1voicegospelshowcase.com) for showcase rules, performance guidelines, submission deadlines and to learn how your congregation and followers can vote for their favorite performance, win tickets to **1 VOICE** events and/or participate in the **1 VOICE** Live Stream experience.

Over the next two months I will be reaching out to you by phone, email and/or in-person to share the news, get feedback and encourage you to join us for this exciting evening of faith, family and community.

Comcast/Xfinity is committed more than ever to featuring and promoting some of the best gospel music our communities have to offer on its scope of entertainment platforms. The 2019 **1 VOICE** Regional Gospel Showcase is an opportunity to provide vibrant performances and community awareness for a positive cultural experience.

For more information, including registration forms, visit [www.1voicegospelshowcase.com](http://www.1voicegospelshowcase.com) or contact Darlene Drummond at [ddrummond@buoyantpartners.com](mailto:ddrummond@buoyantpartners.com) or by phone at 301.209.0121. To find out more about upcoming performances, programs and activities at Prince George’s Community College Center for Performing Arts visit [www.pgcc.edu/community/center-for-the-performing-arts.](http://www.pgcc.edu/community/center-for-the-performing-arts.)

Blessings,

***Darlene Drummond***

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