

Kravis Center for the Performing Arts To Present 18th Annual GOSPEL GALA Friday, April 23 – 8 p.m.

**Performers Include the Boys' Choir of Tallahassee,
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches & the Boynton
Beach High School Chorus' Dimensional Harmony**

(West Palm Beach, FL – March 24, 2010) The music-filled 18th annual **Gospel Gala** will be presented on April 23 at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. Hosted by the Center's Community Relations Committee, the concert is a Kravis Center Community Outreach Event. More than 2,000 people attended last year's soul-stirring, sold-out event.

Over the years, the annual Gospel Gala has featured numerous gospel legends such as Shirley Caesar, Mary Mary, Yolanda Adams, Cece Winans and more, and it has showcased outstanding local community choirs and dance groups.

The headliner of the upcoming Gospel Gala will be **The Boys' Choir of Tallahassee**, under the direction **Earle Lee, Jr.** Also performing will be the **Young Singers of the Palm Beaches** with Choir Director **Shawn Berry**, and **Dimensional Harmony, the Boynton Beach High School Chorus** with Choir Director **Sterling Frederick**.

THE BOYS' CHOIR OF TALLAHASSEE

A community based outreach program for males, ages 8 to 18, who are enrolled in schools throughout the Tallahassee area, the mission of the Choir is to foster academic excellence, build character and self esteem, develop interpersonal skills, and help young men realize their fullest potential while acquiring life skills. The Choir is unique because of its "No Excuses" motto, which defines its blueprint for the 21st century, and its extraordinary musical repertoire. Under the direction of Earle Lee, Jr., the Choir is experiencing tremendous success and have earned rousing applause from audiences from

Palm Beach County to the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, from *The Oprah Winfrey Show* to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

YOUNG SINGERS OF THE PALM BEACHES

Palm Beach County's largest community based children's choir is multi-racial, multi-cultural and strives to teach life skills through music. The Young Singers represent 63 Palm Beach County schools and home school students that come together to make beautiful music and good citizens. They have performed locally, nationally, and internationally, and are beginning their seventh year as Palm Beach County's premiere community-based children's choir, based at the Kravis Center, with approximately 230 singers, in grades 3 through 12. In 2006, Young Singers received international recognition when they represented the State of Florida in Jubilate Mozart, an International Youth Choral Festival that was part of the yearlong celebration in honor of the composer's 250th birthday.

BOYNTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS' DIMENSIONAL HARMONY

Comprised of 50 Boynton Beach High School Students, Dimensional Harmony has performed for audiences such as Disney Magic Music Days, Universal Studios, the Florida Vocal Association Music Conference, the opening act for Fred Hammond and the Mighty Clouds of Joy, Donald Trump, and for many Civic organizations throughout the year. Dimensional Harmony continue to earn Superior ratings at their District, State, and National Competitions, and performed at the 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 Music Festivals at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Last year they competed in the New York City Heritage Festival, winning first place gold, and performed at the Apollo Theater.

Tickets for the Kravis Center's 18th annual Gospel Gala start at \$5, and can be purchased at the Kravis Center box office, 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, online at www.kravis.org/gospelgala, or by calling **561.832.7469** or **800.572.8471**.

About the Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts:

The Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts is a not-for-profit performing arts center whose mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality; by offering comprehensive arts education programs; by providing a Palm Beach County home in which local and regional arts organizations can showcase their work; and by providing economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

The Kravis Center is located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach, FL. For more information, please call **561-832-7469** or visit www.kravis.org.

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