

## News Release



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### **2006 GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING SINGER CECE WINANS TO PERFORM IN PITTSBURGH**

#### **African American Cultural Center of Greater Pittsburgh Presents “CeCe Winans in Concert,” March 11**

**PITTSBURGH, PA** – CeCe Winans, the gospel music sensation and winner of two 2006 Grammy Awards, brings her inspirational delivery and powerful music to Pittsburgh for one night only on March 11 at 8 p.m. at Heinz Hall, Cultural District, Downtown.

One of the world’s most recognized and gifted singers, Ms. Winans has stirred the souls and touched the hearts of fans worldwide for the past two decades, crossing all stylistic, social and age boundaries with her rousing delivery and compelling music.

Ms. Winans is also celebrated as one of the finest voices in the music industry today, winning in both categories for which she was nominated at last night’s 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Grammy Awards. Her wins for 2006 Best Gospel Performance for “Pray” and 2006 Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album for *Purified* are the latest in her impressive collection of honors

Ms. Winans first solo album, the Gold-certified *Alone in His Presence*, was released in 1995 and earned her a Grammy Award and two Dove Awards including the coveted Female Vocalist of the Year, an honor she was bestowed with again in 1997. She has since released six solo albums, four of which have been certified Gold, and has received a total of 9 Grammy Awards, 21 Grammy Nominations, 18 Dove Awards and numerous Stellar Awards throughout her career.

Winans’ collection of Top Ten R&B radio hits include "Count on Me," her duet with Whitney Houston, from the *Waiting to Exhale* soundtrack. The single sold 2 million copies, hit the Top Ten on pop and adult contemporary charts and landed in the #1 position on the Billboard R&B charts.

**Tickets for the African American Cultural Center’s presentation of “CeCe Winans in Concert”** are on sale now, and can be purchased at Dorsey’s Records (7614 Frankstown Ave.) or the Heinz Hall Box Office (600 Penn Ave.), by calling 412.392.4900 or online at [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org). Tickets are \$27, \$37, \$47 and \$57. Discounts are available for students and groups of 10 or more.

#### **About CeCe Winans**

The eighth of ten siblings in the musical Winans family, CeCe Winans (born in Detroit, Michigan), performed most often with her brother, BeBe, in a duo, which proved to be the most commercially successful of the Winans groupings. The siblings’ first duo, the PTL Singers, performed until 1987, when they released their self-titled

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debut. Over the next seven years, four albums followed, yielding two Gold-certified records, and 1991's Platinum-certified *Different Lifestyles*. The duo's success increased as they added more of a contemporary feel – as seen with their two number one R&B singles, "Addictive Love" and "I'll Take You There."

In 1995, CeCe recorded her very first solo album, *Alone in His Presence*. This acclaimed release found her working her way back to traditional gospel, singing standards like "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Blessed Assurance" and "I Surrender All." Since then, Winans has amassed numerous awards for her work.

### **About The African American Cultural Center**

The African American Cultural Center of Greater Pittsburgh presents, interprets and preserves the art, culture, and history of African Americans in Pittsburgh and of people of African descent throughout the world. The Center realizes its mission with an engaging schedule of visual and performing arts programs as well as educational and public programs.

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