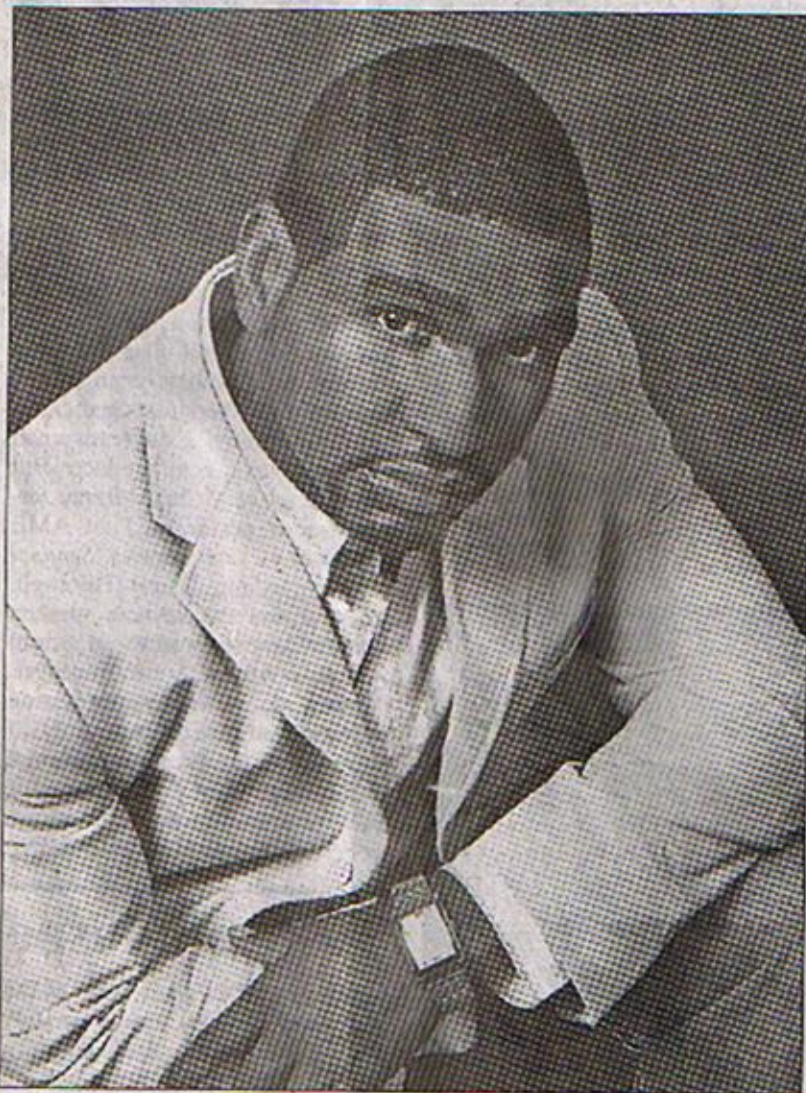


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## A Taste of Gospel at This Year's Taste of Soul



*Holy Boy will perform on the Taste of Gospel stage*

This year, a Taste of Soul is bringing gospels inspiration and praise to the "shaw" and partnering with local choirs for an out the box worship experience. The stage will also mix in community activist and elected officials to bring awareness to the community.

The faith community not only use to praise God, but it use to be at the forefront of activism and positive change for the community. So we thought we would create an atmosphere to praise and be informed, praise and be encouraged, praise and get active, and hopefully we leave being inspired to make tomorrow better, says gospel stage emcee Niele who is V100's Sunday Morning host and *Los Angeles Sentinel* religion editor.

The gospel stage will add a new flavor this year, and bring out the faith community to Crenshaw Blvd. The line up includes some of the livest choirs in Southern California. The choirs include Soldiers for Christ of Los Angeles, Faithful Central Bible Church of Inglewood, Brookins Community AME of Los Angeles, Michael Fisher and Little Zion Choir of Compton, Mary Magdalene choir of Los Angeles, City of Refuge Sanctuary Choir of Gardena, One One One Church Choir of Long Beach, and LA Inner City Mass Choir.

Also scheduled to appear in ministry on the Gospel Stage is instrumental Ben Tankard, Hidden Beach

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### TV One's 'The Gospel of Music with Jeff Majors' Celebrates 5th Anniversary and 50th Show taping

*R&B legends James Ingram, Ali-Ollie Woodson and*

## Taste of Gospel

recording artist the church girl Onitsha and Sunny Hawkins, newcomer Holy Boy, plus Councilman Isadore Hall.

The stage will also include Christian comedy and poetry. This week's Taste of Soul artist is Holy Boy.

The name is HB (which stands for Holy Boy), and what a magnificent Son of God is he. As a child prodigy in his hometown of Mobile, Alabama, he was dubbed "The Boy Wonder." Something about him is exceptional. Something makes him stand out in a crowd. Is it his strong voice touched by God's anointing? Or, is it his baby face and trendy style? Whatever it is, HB is making his way to the top.

The inspiration he receives from icons Stevie Wonder, Sam Cook, Luther Vandross, R. Kelly, and

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Usher drives HB to make whatever sacrifices it takes to become such an artist. In HB's own words, "It's not so much that the icons that inspire me just happen to be key people in R & B, but throughout most of my childhood, any music made me feel complete." Some of his top gospel inspirations are John P. Kee, Fred Hammond, Kirk Franklin, Deitrick Haddon, Smokie Norful, Kim Burrell, and The Clark Sisters.

With his Southern accent, clean-cut appearance, courteous and affable personality, we can truly say we have a huge hit on our hands. HB is all about using what God has gifted him with to fulfill God's ministry through his music. "I knew I could sing, but at other times I knew that I could minister. So I asked myself which one do I really want to be, a singer or a preacher? Then, it hit me; why not do both. That way, I will be doing God's will. And with my faith, I know that anything is possible." HB desires to extend his ministry to the church, the streets, and the whole world for the glory of God.

When asked what gospel music has done to change his life, HB says "Gospel music has kept me sane in an insane world; it has given me peace in the midst of all my storms; and, it has given me purpose and direction." HB's music is his way of sharing God's love and graciousness with others. Some of his songs use an upbeat tempo that gets you rocking on your feet, to speak of the change of his ways when God took him off the streets. Others, through a more softer toned encounter, encourage you to "Hold On" and be encouraged when times

get rough. HB's music is an astounding story of hope, praise, laughter, understanding, happiness, unity, redemption, faith, and most of all, everything working together for your good.

"Despite of what the world says, I encourage you to know God for yourself, because he IS real and he is concerned about you. Having your own relationship with God is more precious than anything that the world can offer you. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life." So, I encourage you to know Him for yourself. He gave, so now you must give. It's Your Boy HB.

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"Beggar," Majors' collaboration with Gerald Levert in Levert's final recording and television appearance.

This November, Majors will focus on his humanitarian efforts as an activist for the nation's homeless with the continuation of his annual "Blankets for the Homeless" free concert tour, which kicks off in Houston on Thanksgiving weekend. The 13-city tour in spring 2007 distributed blankets and street survival kits to the homeless, and to date Majors' efforts have reached more than 50,000 in the in-need community.

A special "gospel gourmet" menu for the 5th Anniversary was prepared by Soul D'Licious Catering, specializing in southern home cooking with "a taste of New Orleans; Ben Hearon, Jr. is executive catering director. The 5th Anniversary menu includes: crab cakes, blackened chicken tenders with etouffee sauce, seafood salmon en crute, blackened tilapia, BBQ beef hot links, veggie spring rolls with sweet & sour sauce, sauteed shrimp and fresh vegetable crudite.

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## Weekly Bible Study

### Share

- Oct 11th *Word must share all good things.....*  
Galatians 6:6
- Oct 12th *To share with anyone.....*  
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- Oct 13th *And may share his sufferings.....*  
Philippians 3:10
- Oct 14th *That we may share his holiness.....*  
Hebrews 12:10