Top gospel prizewinners

Washington-area singers won three of the top four awards in the sixth annual Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Music Competition in Washington, D.C./Baltimore.

More than 2,500 gospel-music lovers attended last night's finale concert at the Kennedy Center where eight finalists competed in the categories of choir, ensemble, male and female soloist.

Kentucky Fried Chicken awarded $12,000 to finalists' sponsoring churches.

Following a performance by the six-man group COMMISSIONED — who have recorded three top-selling gospel albums — awards were presented by Competition Chief Judge Dr. Archie L. Buffkins, director and producer of cultural diversity affairs at the Kennedy Center, and by Gary McCain, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Grand-prize winners, whose sponsoring churches each received $2,000 are:

• Choir - Word of God Youth Choir, Word of God Baptist Church, Washington

• Ensemble - Steve Lawrence and Friends, Refreshing Spring Church of God in Christ, Riverdale (representing Baltimore)

• Female soloist - Deborah Waddell, New Southern Rock Baptist Church, Washington

• Male soloist - Scot C. Moore, Kemper Road Church of God, Arlington (representing Washington)

Runners-up, whose sponsoring churches each received $1,000, are:

• Choir - Adlner Bagley Crawley Youth and Young Adult Choir, St. Paul Baptist Church, Baltimore

• Ensemble - The Faithmen, Faith Bible Church, Sterling (representing Washington)

• Female soloist - Rhondella Ellina Nicholson, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Baltimore

• Male soloist - Anthony L. Russell, First Philadelphia Baptist Church, Baltimore

Proceeds of the concert, after expenses, will be donated to the D.C. Youth Orchestra Program.

Nearly 100 church-sponsored soloists and groups entered the competition, which is part of the Kentucky Fried Chicken National Gospel Music Series. The series also includes competitions in Detroit, Memphis and Philadelphia and major gospel music festivals in Atlanta and Chicago.

GREAT, GLORIOUS GOSPEL!: Deborah Waddell (center, with flowers) was named best female soloist in the 1988 Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Music Competition in Washington, D.C./Baltimore. She is flanked by Competition Chief Judge Dr. Archie L. Buffkins and Gary McCain, vice president and general manager of Kentucky Fried Chicken, along with representatives of Word of God Youth Choir, named best choir; Bill Holsinger from the runner-up ensemble. The Faithmen; Scot C. Moore, best male soloist; the Adlner Bagley Crawley Youth and Young Adult Choir, runners-up; Steve Lawrence and Friends, best ensemble; special guest artists COMMISSIONED; and Rhondalla Ellina Nicholson, runner-up female soloist. Runner-up male soloist Anthony L. Russell is not pictured.

DIVORCES

Schonfield, Jacob vs. Eva A.
Shirley Hutton vs. Jerry Leroy Johnson
Swinton, Carolyn vs. Leroy
Thomas, Tawana vs. Donald
Christmas, Fannie Mae vs. Richard Edward
Jerianne Brown vs. James Bullard
Harrison, Joan C. vs. Johnnie M.
White, Willie Mae vs. Charles
Bond, Joan Gibson vs. James
Petry, Robert H. vs. Kathleen K.
Williams, Linda Darnell vs. Ronald
Fell, Carmen Esther vs. James Michael
Rambissoon, Seunarine vs. Rosey
Wallace, Lorenzo Gerald vs. Yvonne
Armstrong, Betty Jean vs. Jesse Alfred
Blanchard, Terry Lee vs. Vicki Sue
Joann Goodman vs. Kevin Thompson
Joann Bose vs. John V. Clasing
Brown, Edward N. vs. Daphine A. E.
Ellis, Henry Hillsyard vs. Madeline Maxine
Holt, Charlotte L. vs. Artis E., Jr.
Carolyn Feller vs. Gary Sargeant
Smith, Linda G. vs. Charles Barrett
Casalda, Alex vs. Jean
Lacsamana, Estelita vs. Abraham
McDonald, Mary vs. Larry
Riddick, Iris M. Brown vs. Cordney L.
Williams, Haywood vs. Helen E.
Smith, Joseph B. vs. Christina Marie
Grandy, Harry R., Jr. vs. Phonecia P.
Davis, Coretta Ann vs. Duvall Rosser
Horsey, Cheryl T. vs. Gregory G.
Smoot, Vernell vs. Odell
Rodney, Ancel Whylie vs. Elsie Walker
Pratt, Aljeana F. vs. Michael R.
Benny, Robert F. vs. Carolyn J.
Georgiadis, Pamela vs. Efstratios
Laidlow, McDonald, vs. Drucilla
Nicolarakis, George K. vs. Linda J.
Berdine, Sandra Dee vs. Robert Leo
Hankins, Grace K. vs. Charles Ronald
Chitwood, Terry D. vs. Christine D.
Hoy, Stephen W. vs. Linda J.
Johnson, Karen vs. Raymond
Johnson, Delores V. vs. Jerome
Kuhn, Robin vs. Kenneth Earl
Gilliam, Joseph Matthews vs. Vernice C.
Boone, Veda Elaine vs. Ralph D.
Diffenderfer, Donna Lynn vs. David Robert
Golder, Louis vs. Nancy
Garde, Arthur E., Jr. vs. Susan M.
Johnson, Marion Lee vs. Gail Renee
Heaney, Kevin vs. Diana
James, Walter, C. vs. Carol
Haberson, Linda C. vs. Kenneth
Howard, Mildred Ernestine vs. Sterling
Mitchell, Jeffrey A. vs. Renee J.
Watson, Hozie Lee vs. Clairice T.
Suyue Qian vs. Wean Liang
Sutton, Beverly Ann vs. Claude Dwight
White, Sarah Wylie vs. Paul Eddie
Wright, Francis X. vs. Louise R.
Alexander, Gloria vs. Clarence C.
Bristow, Thomas D. vs. Jacqueline
Ramsey, Tanya vs. Francis W.
Raiford, Eleanore Jordan vs. Reginald T.
Pompey, Hayward Lynn vs. Alexis C.
Ashraf, Mohammad vs. Pauline Callistro
Manning, Shirley Denise vs. Herbert Franklin, Jr.
Coppage, Doris Iris vs. James Edward
Mwangi, Penwell K. vs. Mairram Mc.
Weinberger, Alberto vs. Linda D.
Johns, Nadine R. vs. Michael A.
Oglesby, Joyce Ann vs. James
Harrison, Annette M. vs. Paul E.
Mondowney, Carolyn vs. Milton
Stokley, Nathaniel, Jr. vs. Thelma
Roberts, Marvetta vs. Douglass
Davis, Ina Renee vs. Darren
Taylor, Vernon Earl vs. Edna
Burrell, Winsome vs. Wilfred
Cataldi, Tina Marie vs. John Michael
Ward, Rosetta Avis vs. Clarence E.
Moody, Geneva vs. Kelly, Sr.
Walls, Bonnie vs. Richard
Patrick A. Giammarise vs. Mary Elizabeth Ruppert
Champ, Wyatt vs. Honey (Watkins)
Caplan, Beverly vs. Alvin G.
Kelly, Isabelle H. vs. William
Shearin, Jose R. vs. Octavia
Darby, Tracie vs. Glenn
Pate, Dwayne vs. Queen
Baylor, Albert Clinton vs. Myra
Miller, Chris vs. Russell B.
Faulkner Margaret M. vs. Willie E.
Baker, Norma vs. Don 'Anthony
Shore, Rosetta Gay vs. Cecil Galen
Marshall, Marie Cleota vs. Eddie Ray
Tisdale, James vs. Inez
Faulk, Dexter vs. Jennifer E.
Conley, Karen vs. James F.
Chatmon, Ambrose vs. Gretta May
Cruz, Jose Miguel vs. Mercedes Arias
Ledbetter, Margarita Ortiz vs. Dennis
Wivell, Kimberly Glass vs. Jay
Pazdziorko, Ann Marie vs. Michael David
Dabney, Brian M. vs. Sandi Michelle
Hall, Sandra D. vs. George E., III
Presley, Ernest vs. Janie
Lee, Aaron, Jr. vs. Mary Ames
Porter, Kenneth Roswell vs. Wilma
Picciotto, Teresa Abb vs. Michael Joseph
Rice, Henry L. vs. Vivian L.
Yensen, Joyce M. vs. Richard
Nevel, Christina L. vs. Keith A.
Cindy St. Clair Few vs. James Franklin Few, Sr.
Lawrence, Beverlie vs. Winston
Stephanie J. Crutchfield vs. Patrick Antoine
Aboraya, Mohammed Sayed vs. Joann
Keefer, Clarence R. vs. Susan A.
Crout, Helen E. vs. Albion G.
Miller, Isaac Alfonso, Jr. vs. Angeline Laverne Henson
Horseman, Anthony James vs. Colleen
Burns, Denise E. vs. Thomas E.
Gardner, Jerry vs. Charlotte D.
Taylor, Delores vs. Larry Stephen
Fink, Barbara K. vs. John C.
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