

## III SOULWAŁKI GOSPEL WORKSHOP – PRAISE & WORSHIP GOSPEL WORKSHOP with MARK BESWICK & PHILLIP CARTER

**SUWAŁKI, POLAND MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup> 2017**

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### **We have started enrolling for Praise & Worship Gospel Workshop**

This year we continue the **Soulwałki Gospel Workshop**. After very successful festivals in 2015 and 2016, when we have had a wonderful workshop experience with Norris Garner (USA), Phillip Carter(USA) and Michelle John (UK), this year we invited very special guests and instructors: **Mark Beswick** (UK) and **Phillip Carter** (USA).

The event is going to be live DVD recording of Mark Beswick compositions accompanied with live jazz band and the symphony orchestra. We are glad to announce that Phillip Carter and his SOV singers are coming to Suwalki having for us a night of worship. Their concert on Friday night will be a great opportunity to hear Phillip Carter and his group live in Suwalki. The concert will be accompanied by **Holy Noiz** band under direction of Szymon Markiewicz. Please be aware there will be an opportunity for You to do 15 min. support before our American guests. We welcome You and Your choir to join us this days in Suwalki!

**Due to a limited amount of places we accept Your application up to APRIL the 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Hurry up and sign in for our workshop today!**

**Participation enrollments** should be sent to the following address: [sok@soksuwalki.eu](mailto:sok@soksuwalki.eu).

**Payments** for the workshops can be made in the SOK Box Office or [online >>](#).

Online participation enrollments are available until 30th of April or until the limit of participants is reached.

**Participation in workshops requires online enrollment and payment for the workshops.**

For details please contact Anna Szafranowska on 0048 87 563 85 32 or [anna.szafranowska@soksuwalki.eu](mailto:anna.szafranowska@soksuwalki.eu).

We welcome everybody who feel a passion to gospel and jazz. We don't do any auditions for this workshop, so feel free to come and join us! Email to the project manager: **Anna Szafranowska** email: [anna.szafranowska@soksuwalki.eu](mailto:anna.szafranowska@soksuwalki.eu) or to the admission office: [sok@soksuwalki.eu](mailto:sok@soksuwalki.eu) or just make a call: +48 87 563 8532. We will provide You with all details concerning the accommodation and the registration, just let us know by email or phone that You are interested.

### **PROGRAMME of Praise & Worship Gospel Workshop (mass choir):**

- instructors: Mark Beswick and Philip Carter
- running time: 18 h
- cost: 60 PLN / 15 EU
- rehearsals:
  - Friday** 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
7:00 pm – Phillip Carter and SOV concert
  - Saturday** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
9:00 pm – jam session
  - Sunday** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
12:30 pm - 2.00 pm & 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm – main rehearsals  
6:00 pm – III Soulwałki Gospel Workshop Mark Beswick Praise & Worship Gala Night

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**MARK BESWICK** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5shOlrVMZhl>

Mark is very talented and skilled composer, singer and producer. In 1998 Mark Beswick, and his longtime friend and song writing partner Howard Francis, founded the Power Praise Worship Band. Mark Beswick and the Power Praise Worship Band recorded and released two live albums, the first of which was the 1998 recording “True Praises” followed by the 2003 release “The King is Coming”, both of which were distributed by the Kingsway Music label. These albums feature enthusiastically acclaimed songs such as: “True Praises”, “Sing Unto The Lord”, “The King is Coming”, “Wave Your Hands” and “My Help”.

As an individual, Mark has won a number of awards for his songwriting and has been repeatedly recognized by the music industry for his work as a vocal producer/arranger, working with artists such as Take That, LuLu, Spice Girls, Jamelia, Eternal, Damage, Maxi Priest, to name but a few.

Mark has also lead worship at some the UK's foremost Christian festivals, events and conferences such as Soul Survivor, Worship Together, Spring Harvest, Grapevine, Festival of Life, Global Day of Prayer and the Kingdom Worship Movement.

Mark, along with The Power Praise Worship Band, have won multiple awards for their music, including an OASIS Music award in 2003, two international Caribbean Gospel Music Marlin Awards in 2004 for “Praise & Worship Recording of the Year” and were also the winners of the Best Praise & Worship Artist Award at the 2006 Oasis Music Awards. Mark also supported tsunami victims from 2004 creating and producing video clip together with many top British artists.

A gifted bible teacher and speaker, Mark is often called upon to share his unique understanding of the word of God to cross-denominational church congregations, bible schools, workshops and seminar events. Today Mark continues to work as a songwriter and is currently leading worship and teaching at various events and conferences throughout the UK and internationally.

**PHILLIP CARTER and SOV** | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hmWMFwaBZ6g>

Phillip Carter is very well known gospel composer, pianist and producer from Washington DC. In his musical career he received i.a. The Stellar Award, he is also the founder and owner of Independent Gospel Artist Alliance in the USA. His natural empathy to people and musical skills makes his personality extraordinary, what he presents during his concerts in the USA and in EU.

Stellar Award Winner Phillip Carter has rapidly risen to national and international acclaim status as a gifted and anointed gospel recording artist, prolific songwriter, accomplished musician, talented producer, and noted workshop facilitator. Phillip Carter and his group, Sounds of Victory (SOV), are the 2010 Stellar Award Winners for Fan Favorite Choir of the Year. Phillip also produced the 2010 Stellar Award Winner for Children's Performance of the Year, “Amazing” by Dr. Emory Andrews and the Oxon Hill High School Gospel Choir. In 2015 Phillip produced the chart topping Maranatha Top #25 and Top #15 Gospel Praise Hits project.

A native of Fort Washington, Maryland, Carter began playing the piano at 18 months of age, and began directing choirs when he was nine. He served as the Director of the Bowie State University Gospel Choir, the Assistant Director of the Howard University Gospel Choir, and is the current Director of the Georgetown University Choir. Phillip Carter also serves as a church music consultant for the Mt Sinai, Baptist Church, Queens Chapel UMC and the New Hope A.M.E. Church.

Phillip has touched the lives of many young people as a music and choral teacher as well as a mentor at public schools in Washington, D.C., Prince George's County, Maryland, and Fairfax County, Virginia where he currently teaches Music and Computer Technology.

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Regarding his Gospel Music career, Phillip has shared the stage with some of the world's most celebrated gospel artists, including Dorinda Clark-Cole, Edwin Hawkins, Lady Tramaine Hawkins, Walter Hawkins, Tye Tribbett, Albertina Walker, Richard Smallwood and many more. In 1997, Carter organized The Sounds of Victory. Now in their 16<sup>th</sup> year, Phillip Carter along with his group SOV has traveled the U.S. and abroad spreading the good news of Jesus Christ through song.

In 2010, Phillip co-founded the annual Independent Gospel Artists Alliance Conference, a business conference focusing on the needs of Independent Gospel, Christian, and Inspirational Artists to help them manage their business, their career, and their music.

Phillip serves as the current President and Chief Executive Officer of SOV, Inc. He's married to Stephanie Carter and has two wonderful sons: Stephen, age 10, and Thomas, age 8.

### SOULWALKI GOSPEL WORKSHOP REVIEW



*Suwalki Gospel Workshop is very popular in Suwałki. In two last editions we had about 80 international applications and as a result, during the weekend's work with professional performers, we gave a great gospel choir, which took part in the final concert of **Norris Garner** masterpiece "God Created", a musical for gospel choir, orchestra and dancers. It was a great experience for all. [Read more >>](#)*

*Our project is not only the music and singing, but the unique event of making the mass choir together with extraordinary artists from around the world.*

*This is an unusual cross-over in music, language and our cultures where each of us comes from. The final effect will be presented on our final concert on May the 14<sup>th</sup> together with the live band and orchestra under musical direction of Szymon Markiewicz, composer, arranger and pianist from Krakow. You are welcome and be part of our team this year.*

**Anna Szafranowska,**

*the manager and artistic director of the event.*



Links and media:

**Sulwalki Gospel Festival 2015**

part of upcoming DVD production by Norris Garner BMI  
[The Gospel Oratory - backstage](#)

**Soulwalki Gospel Festival 2016**

[Sulwalki Gospel Festival 2016](#)

<https://youtu.be/N5mnhLDhZHI>  
<https://youtu.be/hmWMFwaBZ6g>