

IV SOULWAŁKI GOSPEL WORKSHOP – THE SONGS OF ANGELS  
GOSPEL WORKSHOP with JOHN TILLERY & LIVING SACRIFICE

SUWAŁKI, POLAND MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>-19<sup>TH</sup> 2019 – Three days full of joy, music and singing.



**We have started enrolling for The Songs Of Angels Gospel Workshop**

This year we continue the **Soulwałki Gospel Workshop**. After very successful festivals in 2015, 2016 and 2017, when we have had a wonderful workshop experience with Norris Garner (USA), Phillip Carter (USA) and Michelle John (UK), Mark Beswick (UK) this year we invited very special guests and instructors from the United States: **John Tillery** with **Living Sacrifice** singers.

We are also glad to announce that **Robert Person** with **prof. Allyn Johnson** are coming to Suwalki. taking part in our workshop is a great opportunity to sing live with all this year's stars on one stage. Festival concerts will be accompanied by **Holy Noiz Jazz Band** and **Suwałki Chamber Orchestra** under direction of **Szymon Markiewicz**. 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>.**

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@suwalki.eu](mailto:sok@suwalki.eu) or just make a call: +48 87 563 85 32. 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.

All the choire members are asked to wear an evening outfit at the closing Gala concert. For this year's theme we wear white clothing (such as dresses, shirts, skirts) with blue accessories (scarf, headscarf, tie), if needed.

**GOSPEL WORKSHOP / mass choir (Small Auditorium, room 0.22):**

- instructors: John Tillery & Living Sacrifice
- time: 21 h / cost: 60 PLN (*about 15 EU*)
- registration: 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, 9:00-9:30 am, room 0.27
- rehearsals: **Friday** 09:30 am - 12:00 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> session  
12:30-2:00 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> session  
4:00-6:30 pm – 3<sup>rd</sup> session
- Saturday** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – 4<sup>th</sup> session  
12:30-2:00 pm – 5<sup>th</sup> session  
4:00 - 6:00 pm – 6<sup>th</sup> session  
6:30 - 8:00 pm – 7<sup>th</sup> session / 9:00-11:00 pm – jam session
- Sunday** 10:00-11:30 am – 8<sup>th</sup> session  
12:00 - 1.30 pm – 9<sup>th</sup> session  
2:30 - 4:00 pm – main rehearsal / 6:00 pm – concert

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### **JOHN TILLERY & LIVING SACRIFICE**

For more than 20 years, John Tillery & Living Sacrifice (JT&LS) has proven to be a signature group in gospel music. Formed and based in Washington, DC, its infectious songs and intricate vocal blends usher listeners into the very presence of God. JT&LS has shared the stage with several noted artists, including Richard Smallwood, Twinkie Clark, Yolanda Adams, John P. Kee, and Hezekiah Walker. The group has released five projects to date (a complete discography appears below), earning critical acclaim and accolades throughout the gospel music community. JT&LS projects in 2000 and 2006 were ranked #1 on Gospel USA's Top 30 Independent Artists Releases, and in 2006 the group earned an En Sound Music Award for Best Choir, The John Tillery Project: Next Level, released in 2009, earned three Stellar Award nominations and considered for a BET Award Nomination. Their Project Miracles, released in 2014 was considered for two Grammy Award Nominations and remained on the gospel charts for 65 weeks. The group has also been featured on BET's seminal musical showcase - Bobby Jones Gospel, and appeared on Bobby Jones' International Gospel Artist Retreat.

### **JOHN BUCKY TILLERY**

One of gospel music's best-kept secrets. This Ordained, Anointed, and Appointed Pastor is also a three-time Stellar Award nominated singer, songwriter, and producer who has worked with artists including Stellar Award winner Isaiah D. Thomas, the BET Urban Nation H.I.P. H.O.P. Choir, and the Barbados Gospel Fest Mass Choir. Pastor John has also been featured in several stage plays and musicals, including "Lord, I'm Coming Home" and "Something to Shout About". In 1998, Pastor John was selected to sing on the soundtrack of HBO's "City of Peace" produced by Barbara Streisand. His work was also featured in the 2003 release of the motion picture "Guilty by Association", starring Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman. He has also worked with such artist as, the late Rev. James Cleveland, the late queen of gospel music Albertina Walker, Keith Pringle, Twinkie Clark of the Clark Sisters, Ron Winans, Bruce Parham, Christopher Williams and Charlie Wilson. When asked what he wants people to know about him, John simply replies, "That I love God, His word, my family, and doing His will."

### **ROBERT PERSON**

One of Jazz and Gospel music's most quintessential singers. His extraordinary vocal control, his definitive and polished stage presence and his gorgeous tenor tone have given the Washington, DC native an undeniable reputable artistic presence in music and performing arts. Robert honed his musical gift at the prestigious Morehouse College, where he held membership in the world renowned Morehouse College Glee Club, as well as at the University of the District of Columbia. The recent three-time 2016 Rhythm of Gospel Awards recipient has a shelf full of independent music awards for his vocal performances of classics like "Someday We'll All Be Free," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and his original works "God Has A Plan," "Clap Your Hands" and "Testify." Continuing to expand his musical brand, Robert has joined the league of on air personalities with his own radio show Soulful Session with Robert E. Person. This show highlights new and independent artists in Gospel (Traditional, Contemporary and Praise & Worship) and Inspirational and Contemporary Jazz. After releasing an impressive and award winning catalog of indie Gospel albums, Robert just released his first Jazz album Classic Covers on June 1, 2018. This EP blends Robert's stunning vocals with beautifully arranged Jazz, Sacred & Classical music. These 5 extraordinary cover tunes are selected from the great American songbook.

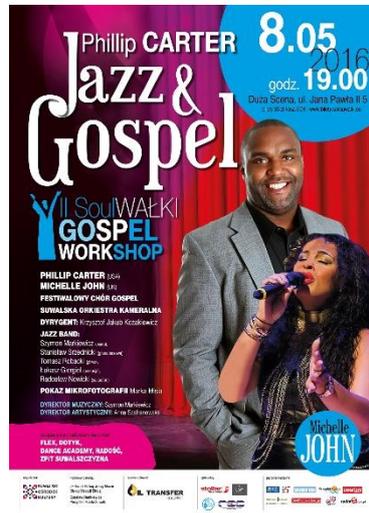
### **ALLYN JOHNSON**

One of Washington, DC's most revered and influential musicians. A multi-talented pianist, composer-arranger and producer whose trademark sound gives brilliance and fortitude to the art of jazz improvisation. One of the nation's most sought-after musicians, Johnson is currently Director of the Jazz Studies program and jazz ensembles at the University of the District of Columbia. A graduate of the University of the District of Columbia Jazz Studies program, he was the first recipient of the UDC Foundation's Felix E. Grant Scholarship award in jazz performance. In 2005 Allyn started an ensemble combining Gospel, Jazz and Classical music called Divine Order. He also has a group called Sonic Sanctuary which may be heard as his trio or small ensemble which ranges from acoustic straight ahead jazz to jazz fusion and funk. No matter what configuration Allyn may be heard in, you can best believe it will be just "good music for the soul".

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**SOULWALKI GOSPEL WORKSHOP 2015-2017 REVIEW**



*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.*

*In three last editions we had almost 200 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 masterpieces consisted of gospel choir, band, orchestra and dancers. It was a great experience for all.*

*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 19<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,**  
Soulwalki Gospel Workshop Artistic Director

**Soulwalki Gospel Festival 2015**

[The Gospel Oratory - backstage](#)

**Soulwalki Gospel Festival 2016**

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**Soulwalki Gospel Festival 2017**

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