

Gospel Male Quintet Delivers Brand New Project "Introducing Quest"

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Washington, D.C. – December 13, 2005 – A new all - male gospel group has hit the scene with a fresh sound and a brand new project. Quest, a quintet from Washington, D.C., just released Introducing Quest on November 26, 2005. These five young men have dropped a splendid debut while spanning the musical gamut including R&B, soul, urban, jazz and traditional and contemporary gospel music.

The group, comprised of vocalists Arkese Gaskins, Allyn Johnson, Blandin Mozon, Robert Person, and Dameion Roy, has been together for more than 20 years. But interestingly enough, the group didn't start out as a gospel group. They were originally known as Younger Generation, one of D.C.'s hottest R&B groups. Following in the steps of groups like Boyz II Men and New Edition, the five teenagers saw some success in the Washington, D.C. area. But eventually over time, all of the members gave their lives to Christ. Their spiritual change couldn't help but reflect in their music. Group member Robert Person recounts the singing aggregation's musical transformation.

"I've known these guys individually and collectively for just about 15 years now," says Person. "Although I'm not an original member of the group, I was a fan almost from the very beginning. Before I became a member, I remember being in the club listening to Younger Generation – while we were all in the world. There's a line in our song, Testify, that says we were 'singing for the world....singing in the clubs' and that's exactly what we were doing. But over a period of time, we all came to realize that we needed a serious relationship with Christ. I believe everything that happens in life has purpose and prepares you for something else. God is constantly shaping and molding us into His vessels. Thus, Quest took on a new song and began a new chapter in its quest," Person concludes.

Not only has the group changed musical partners, but they've truly surrendered their entire lives to the gospel. Each one of the five members is either an elder, deacon or minister of music at their respective churches. Ministry is at the heart of the group's mission. Group member Dameion Roy says the group's goal is to inspire. "We love to uplift people through song and what better way to do that, but by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Quest is about being on a journey for Christ and on that journey we hope to reach as many people as possible and tell them how good God really is. We are striving to get more of God so we can share more of Him to the world. We hold fast to Matthew 6:33 because that's our desire, to seek Him first and then we know He will add everything else," states Roy.

Introducing Quest, the new self-produced release, aptly mirrors the calling of the group. Songs like the opener, Surrender, an up-tempo, head- bobbing track, and My Love's For You, a sultry ballad sung to the Lord, are worthy of the repeat button. Those looking for showers of God's blessings will love Rain, with its slick, tight harmonies. One of the

project's stand-out tracks is the cut, Ova Me. Good enough to hit the gospel club with, the song transforms to an almost "get-my-shouting-shoes-ready" track by the closing. The vocal synchronization of Quest brings to mind groups like Commissioned and The Winans - especially on songs like Friend, penned by all five group members, and on the smooth jazz sounds of Your Love.

Introducing Quest also provides songs for intimate times of worship. The musical composition, Worship You, is simply breathtaking. The track opens with a pretty orchestral arrangement followed by sweet, pure harmonies and relaxing melodies. Another inspiring mellow song is the acoustic guitar-enriched Alright. The comforting lyrics are a spiritual keepsake and reminder of God's sovereignty and protection.