

A portrait of Marvin Matthews, a Black man with short hair, smiling and wearing a blue and white striped button-down shirt. He is leaning against a white wall. The image is partially obscured by a black diagonal shape on the left and a gold textured shape on the right.

MARVIN MATTHEWS

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ABOUT MARVIN

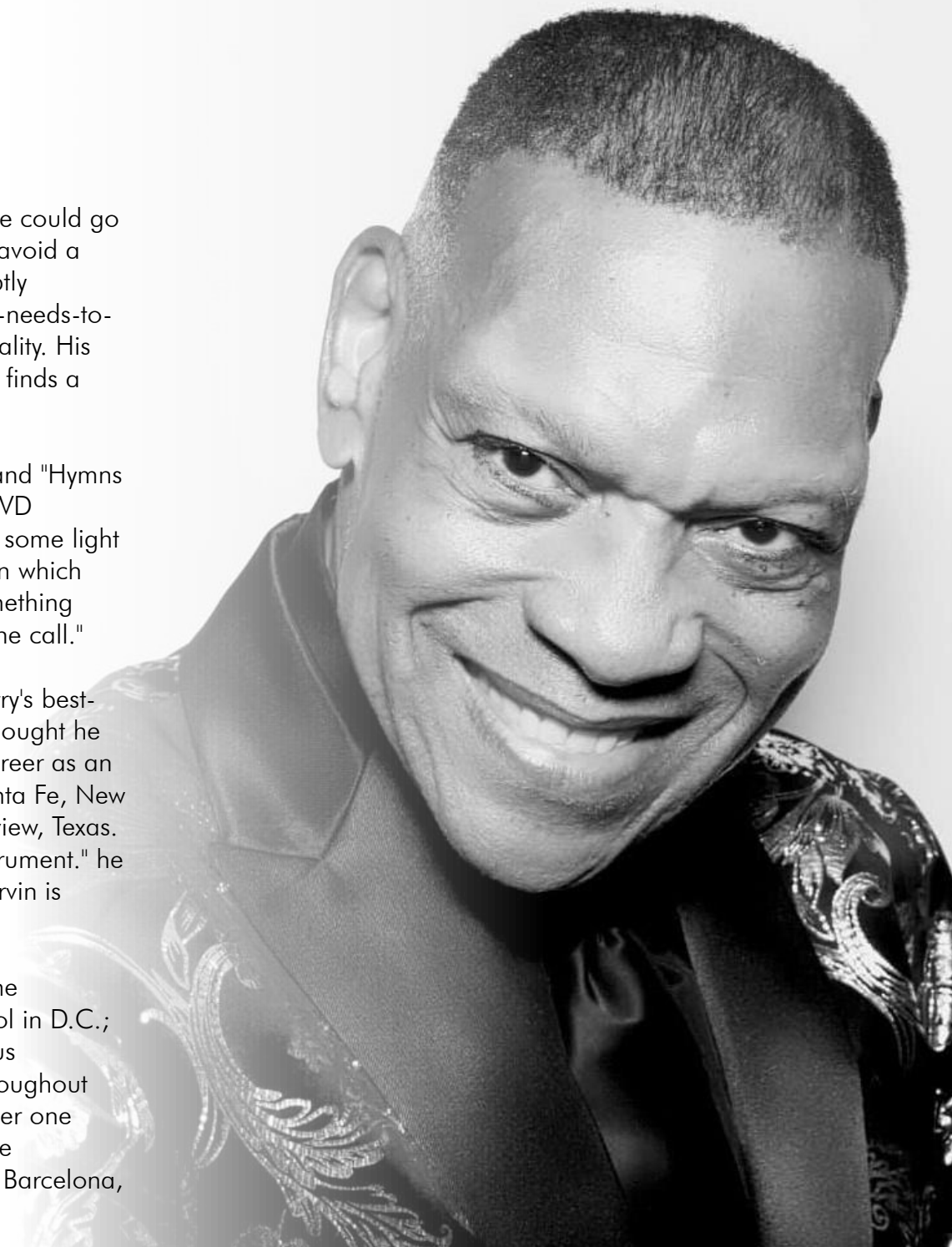
Where Artistry Turns To Ministry

When Marvin was six years old, his first grade teacher told him he could go to a school closer to his home in inner-city Washington, D.C. to avoid a long bus ride across town every day. Hearing that, Marvin promptly transferred himself to a new school. That take-charge, "do-what-needs-to-be-done" attitude obviously is an integral part of Marvin's personality. His music is simply further evidence of that trait. He sees a need and finds a way to meet it.

Marvin has twelve recordings to his credit including "Christmas" and "Hymns for Him-A contemporary collection of timeless hymns" and two DVD presentations. As always, there's a touch of jazz a bit of hip-hop, some light pop and, of course, the traditional gospel music foundation upon which Christian music rests. He has made sure his projects provide something special for every listening ear while maintaining the integrity of "the call."

One industry insider stated, "Marvin Matthews is the music industry's best-kept secret." That's high praise in-deed for someone who once thought he wasn't cut out for a career in music. Marvin initially planned a career as an attorney. He pursued the study of law at St. John's College in Santa Fe, New Mexico before transferring to Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas. "Everybody I knew as a kid growing up could sing or play an instrument." he says. "so I didn't think I was anything out of the ordinary." But Marvin is hardly ordinary.

He began studying music at age eight. His credits then include the following: he started the first gospel choir at his junior high school in D.C.; toured Romania at 18; was featured soloist with the world-famous Spurrllows; sang contemporary gospel music in opera houses throughout Europe; electrified the Philippines on Martin After Dark the number one rated television show in that country. Marvin has performed as the entertainment for the athletes at three Summer Olympic Games, Barcelona, Atlanta, Sydney and the list goes on.



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He has ministered in some of the finest churches in America, toured Korea, Japan, and all of Europe. and has led Christian leaders and congregants in praise and worship at various conferences including M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) Convention. OCEA - (Ohio Christian Educators Association), J & J Music Conferences: for music industry professionals. The National Childrens' Pastors Conferences, Southern Baptist Conservatives Convention. The Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Atlanta and Sydney, and a score of other national and international gathers. He has appeared on several TV shows including Cornerstone TV Pittsburgh, PA, Daystar TV-Dallas/ Fort Worth Texas, Swan's Place with Dennis Swanberg, The Hour of Power with Dr. Robert Schuler-Garden Grove, California. The Bobby Jones Gospel Show-BET and the Word Network, to name a few. Bill and Gloria Gaither have featured Marvin on several of their Gaither Homecoming video series presentations.

As a featured artist at the Christian Artists Seminar in Estes Park, CO, Marvin shared the stage with today's hottest, well-known artists. His offering was so well received that the imposing audience responded with a rousing standing ovation at the conclusion of his performance!

A tireless concert artist, Marvin has worked with a host of popular artists including Debbie Boone (You light Up My life), Andrae Crouch, the late Bob Hope, Mark Lowry, Little Richard, Karen Wheaton, Deniece Williams (Let's Hear It For The Boy and Too Much, Too Late, Too Little, with Johnny Mathis), and CeCe Winans (Count On Me with Whitney Houston). He has been featured on most major Christian networks, including The Word Network, TBN and CBN.

His exuberant personality combined with his unique vocal talent and compassionate spirit crosses all socio-economic and racial lines. He's a natural, whether on a concert stage performing with a symphony, or standing in front of a church congregation with his soundtracks. His enthusiasm envelops the listener.





MORE ABOUT MARVIN

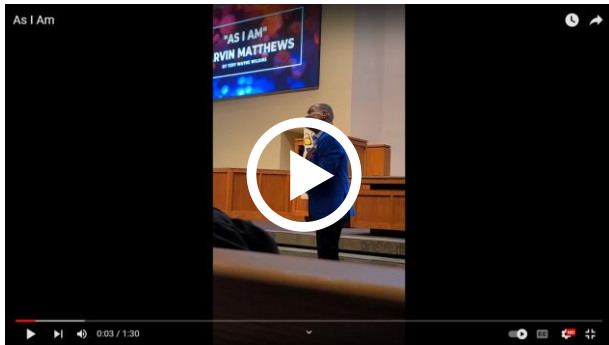
In reflection of Marvin's artistic roots and the priceless memories of family, he recalls vivid recollections of his mother singing hymns to herself when he was very young. He laughingly notices the popular hip-hop sounds resonating from his children's rooms. He believes the songs his mother sang gave her the strength she needed to raise six children alone. He believes the songs he sings will give his children foundations for life.

Family is very important to Marvin. The spiritual life of his children has often fueled his desire to be an effective communicator. He explains, "I was sitting in church with my family one Sunday, when I looked down the row to find my children, Leslee and Aaron, sound asleep. We were singing hymns at the time, and I couldn't believe they would sleep through these wonderful songs. After the service, I asked them why, and they said the songs were boring. I realized then that young people today, just like 20 years ago, aren't necessarily tuned into the music their parents love. So I set out to find a way to make the timeless messages in the old hymns appeal to young ears.

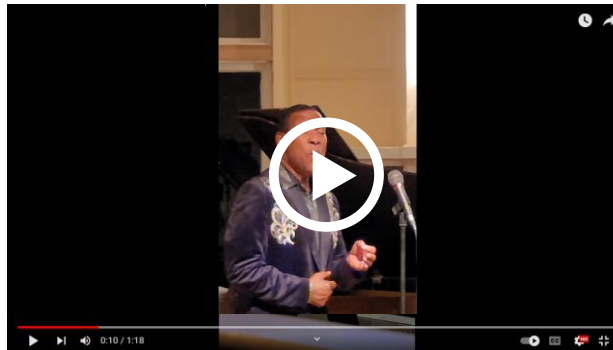
Marvin's desire is to affect change and provide a place of joy where hopelessness has prevailed. He really "sings because he is happy and he sings because he is free" (lyrics from His Eye is on the Sparrow on the "Hymns For Him" and "The CCM Set" CDs).

God vigorously uses Marvin's musical talent, but much more, he uses his heart...a heart that He has developed in this contemporary gospel artist over the years. Truly, the only thing greater than Marvin's voice is his love for Jesus, his family and the body of Christ to which he ministers.

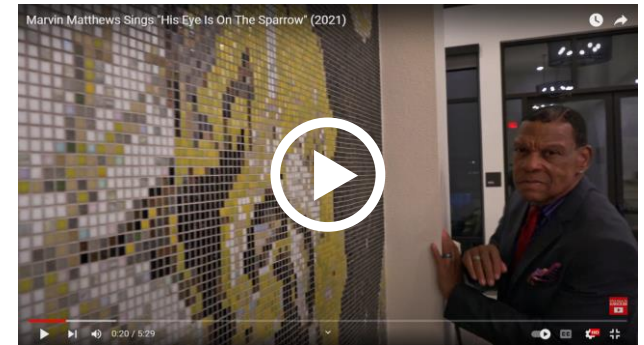
VIDEOS



As I Am – Marvin Matthews



Amazing Grace – Marvin Matthews



Marvin Matthews Sings "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"



Amen – Marvin Matthews



Marvin has released twelve audio recordings and two video presentations. His Pop recording , "NOW," combines his love for inspirational accountability with his vocal prowess, while "Heartsongs" reiterates his devotion to Faith. Marvin sings because he's happy and he sings because he's free!

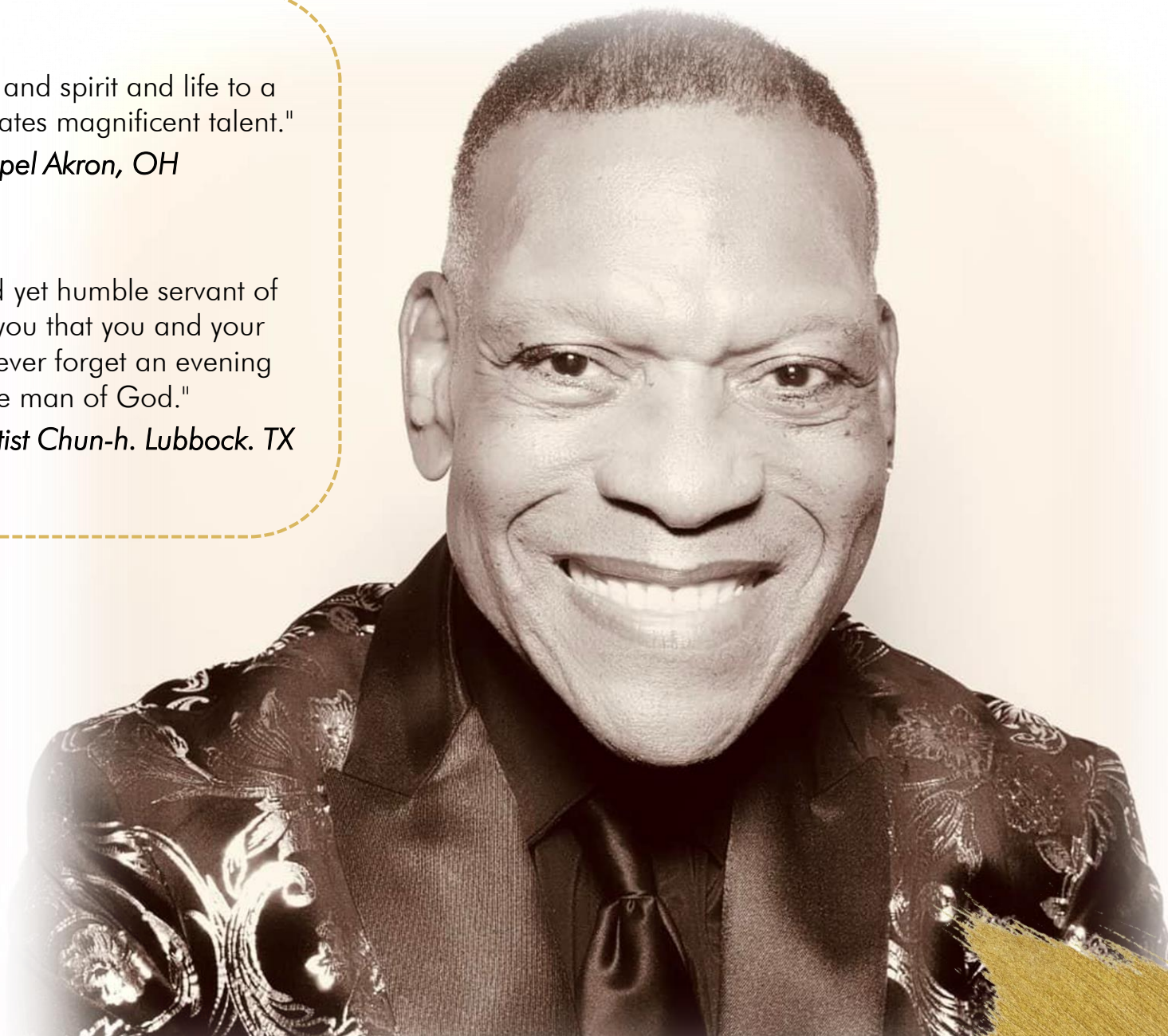
Get ready for "The Marvin Matthews Experience!"
You will be glad you did!

"Marvin Matthews brings Spirit and spirit and life to a worship service... and demonstrates magnificent talent."

Knute Larson, The Chapel Akron, OH

"Marvin is an immensely gifted yet humble servant of our Lord Jesus...I can assure you that you and your congregation will enjoy and never forget an evening spent with this incredible man of God."

Bill Gillum, Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, Lubbock, TX



To: Ace Entertainment and Sony Music

"Lift every voice and sing till earth and Heaven ring" is the musical message Mr. Marvin Matthews has always delivered from the "Gospel of the Pulpit" to the Jazz of Community Activism".

I've worked with Marvin on several projects over the years from the 'Community Food Bank of Fort Worth', 'Tarrant County College Riverside' to the stage of the Sandaga 813 Jazz Club in Dallas.

Wherever he performs there is always a "Joyful Noise"...

Best regards,

Dr. Calex Knowles

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Practicing Optometrist

Founder Sandaga Jazz

Partner Instrumental Entertainment

To Whom it May Concern

As Co-Pastor of The Gathering, it has been our joy on many occasions to invite Marvin Matthews to serve as guest musical vocalist. The passion he demonstrates through his art is exuberant and compelling. He draws the congregation in with his exceptional musical style and warmth.

On a personal level, Marvin has been a kind and generous friend who genuinely cares about the well being, thriving, and flourishing of all people. He's a person who with intention puts his strong faith into practice. In other words, he walks it like he talks it.

Rev. Dr. Irie Lynne Session

Co-Pastor

The Gathering, A Womanist Church

Dallas, Texas

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(and that would / should be everyone!)

I met Marvin Matthews sometime about 2012 at the Cathedral of Hope. I had walked in late and had to hustle myself into a pew before the orchestra started the next number. I sat and listened as the piece started; the musical program at COH is / has always been great, but today something was very different. I heard this voice coming from nowhere and everywhere all at the same time and was immediately mesmerized and covered in goosebumps. But where was the vocalist? We eventually all realized that he was coming up the center aisle, through the sanctuary to eventually arrive at the altar and I was absolutely awe-struck. I sat in amazement as Marvin and the choir and orchestra finished "All Rise" and by the time it came to a close, I was emotionally spent, quietly weeping and knew we had all just been in the presence of something, someone very special.

I don't remember exactly the timeline, but I think he then flew back to LA or Hawaii. Our COH anniversary was coming up and we wanted to present an old school tent revival themed celebration and I immediately got on the phone and asked Marvin if he would come perform and help us pull together a roster of other entertainers. He flew back to be with us, and it was a fabulous success, we had a fantastic time and I count him as my great friend to this day.

I can't think of many other people that are as ridiculously talented as he and I am just so proud and honored to know him and count him as one of my close friends.

Travis-Lee Moore

Board Member, MetroTex Association of Realtors

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Member, Preservation Dallas

April 19, 2022

Dear Marvin:

There are no words to describe the positive impact of your music and ministry! For everyone who attended worship on Easter Sunday 2022, there was such a blessing that came directly from your amazing voice and sweet presence.

I always knew that having you be our guest for Easter would be phenomenal but I could never have imagined just how profound your presence with us would be. You have the ability to treat everyone as an instant friend while bringing a beautiful professionalism that is appreciated.

Speaking for all of us at Church of the Trinity MCC, I can say with certainty that we have been blessed, filled and stand overflowing with the Spirit because your voice lifted us to the high places where heaven and earth meet.

Thank you so much for offering us the gift of you!

Many blessings,

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Rev. Elder Lillie Brock

Pronouns: She, Her, Hers

Senior Pastor



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