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## Snoop Dogg Featuring Faith Evans & Tye Tribbett to Perform at 19th Annual Super Bowl Gospel Celebration for Super Bowl 52

Performances by Erica Campbell, Sheila E., Donnie McClurkin & Sounds of Blackness

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To Be Hosted by Actress Yvonne Orji & Pastor John Gray

NFL Players Russell Wilson & Larry Fitzgerald to Be Honored

Concert to Take Place Thurs. Feb. 1 at Benson Great Hall at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN

Broadcast Premiere on BET Saturday Feb. 3 at 11:00 p.m. ET and Encores on BET Sunday Feb. 4 at 11:00 a.m. ET and BET HER (formerly CENTRIC) Sunday Feb. 4 at 8:00 a.m. ET

#SuperBowlGospel

ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The **NFL Sanctioned Super Bowl Gospel Celebration** (SBGC) will kick-off **Super Bowl 52** with its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual star-studded music jubilation live taping on a new day, **Thursday, February 1, 2018**, at the **Benson Great Hall** at **Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota**. The annual event joins together key NFL Players, top Gospel/Contemporary Christian and mainstream GRAMMY® Award-winning artists and special guests all on one stage to bring audiences an evening of uplifting music and inspirational messages. The 1-hr special will air on the **BET** for the **fifth** consecutive year on **Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 at 11:00 p.m. ET**. Tickets are available for purchase through TicketMaster.com.

In the first live performance off of his forthcoming Gospel album release, **Snoop Dogg Presents the Bible Of Love**, GRAMMY® Award-nominated, American Music Award® winning, platinum-selling rapper and songwriter **Snoop Dogg** has been announced to perform. As an entertainment icon and one of the most important figureheads in music, Bible of Love represents Snoop Dogg's highly anticipated venture into inspirational music. As part of his exclusive performance, he has assembled an all-star ensemble of artists that will join him on stage in this electric live introduction to the *Bible Of Love featuring* GRAMMY® Award-winning hip hop and R&B singer **Faith Evans**, GRAMMY® Award-winning gospel singer **Tye Tribbett**, GRAMMY® Award-winning gospel vocal group **The Clark Sisters** and GRAMMY® Award-nominated gospel musician **Rance Allen**.

Performers at this year's Super Bowl Gospel Celebration also include Christian and R&B singer **Erica Campbell**, GRAMMY® Award-nominated percussionist and singer **Sheila E.**, GRAMMY® Award-winning gospel singer **Donnie McClurkin** and GRAMMY® Award-winning vocal and instrumental ensemble **Sounds of Blackness**.

This year's concert will be hosted by NAACP Image Award®-nominated actress from HBO's hit show *Insecure* **Yvonne Orji**, and gospel singer and star the OWN Network show *The Book of John* Gray **Pastor John Gray**.

Special honors will be presented during this year's show, which include the first-ever *Faith in Action Award* honoring Seattle Seahawks' Russell Wilson, and Arizona Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald receiving the Lifetime of Inspiration Award.

Celebrating their 10-year anniversary will be the **NFL Players Choir**, which features 40 current and former NFL players. The choir has become one of the most anticipated performances during Super Bowl Weekend. Musical Director **Myron Butler** will also be returning this year to lead the choir.

"We founded this event to bring even more inspiration and celebration to one of the biggest events of the year - the Super Bowl," says **Melanie Few-Harrison**, **Creator & Executive Producer of Super Bowl Gospel Celebration**. "Each year we aim to touch lives in a meaningful way and make the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration bigger than the last with artists and special guests. We look forward to kicking off Super Bowl 52 in Minneapolis and making our mark as the best most uplifting event we've had in our 19-year history!"

For more information about BET Networks, visit: <a href="https://www.betpressroom.com/">https://www.betpressroom.com/</a> Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @BET & @BETherTV

## **About The Super Bowl Gospel Celebration:**

The Super Bowl Gospel Celebration was launched in Miami in 1999 during Super Bowl XXXIII weekend. The event became the first, and remains the only Gospel concert sanctioned by the National Football League (NFL). The show has drawn crowds in the thousands and has demonstrated growth year-after-year, selling out venues in major Super Bowl host cities including Dallas, Tampa, Detroit, Jacksonville, Houston and Phoenix.

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