

'Sisters in the Spirit' Tour

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The most inspiring musical tour of early 2005 takes place on February 1st in Columbus, Ohio, with the launching of the "Sisters in the Spirit" tour. In celebration of February as "Black History Month," gospel music superstars Yolanda Adams, Martha Munizzi and RiZen join with R&B/pop icon Kelly Price and "Sisters in the Spirit" Musical Director Sheila E to honor the unique spiritual bond of women in all walks of life. Juanita Bynum, aka "The Prophetess," will offer both music and message to the proceedings.

Sponsored by Southwest Airlines, the "Sisters in the Spirit" tour is promoted by Executive Producer Al Wash of ALW Entertainment. Wash comments, "The purpose of the 'sisters in the Spirit' tour is to show the unity and strength of women today in gospel music." Gospel music veteran Kirk Franklin, a participant in the highly successful "Hopeville" tour, will offer his insight as a stage advisor and will not perform.

There is no one particular headliner for the tour. Instead, a sharing spirit of community will be the focus, as each artist will sing both solo and duets, backed by Sheila E's musical direction. While the uninitiated may wonder about the addition of Sheila E, Bynum offers insight to the choice, "Sheila E is the equivalent of Quincy Jones in terms of the breadth of musical knowledge she brings to the table."

TOUR DATES:

February 1 Columbus, OH Main Auditorium February 3 Washington, D.C. Constitution Hall
February 4 Philadelphia, PA Liacouras Center February 5 Baltimore, MD Lyric Opera House
February 6 Charlotte, SC Ovens Auditorium February 10 Richmond, VA Landmark Theatre
February 12 Hampton, VA Coliseum February 13 Greensboro, NC Events Center February 15
Flint, MI IMI Sports Arena February 17 Chicago, IL Arie Crown February 18 Detroit, MI Fox
Theatre February 19 Cincinnati, OH Taft Theatre February 20 Atlanta, GA Civic Center
February 22 Columbus, GA Civic Arena February 24 Birmingham, AL Boutwell Auditorium
February 25 Jacksonville, FL Performance Arts Center February 26 Lakeland, FL Carpenter
Center February 27 Miami, FL James L. Knight Center