



## Robinson's holiday tour in M.C. Saturday

MASON CITY — Vocalist Robert Robinson's much anticipated holiday concert tour is coming to Mason City Saturday, Nov. 24.

Tickets are still available for the show, set for 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 119 S. Georgia Ave. Tickets, \$25, are available by calling 641-423-4905.

The talented singer released two new recordings, a holiday CD, "Spirit of the Season," and a Gospel CD, "The Faith Project," this fall, and looks forward to bringing his gift of song to audiences.

"I want to refocus thinking on what the holiday season should be all about" Robinson said in a news release. "Sharing love and giving love is something we can do all year long, not just at Christmas."

Robinson's holiday concert tour, "The Spirit of the Season," features The Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir, a nine-piece orchestra and special appearances by vocalist Holly Collison.

Christened the "Pavarotti of Gospel" by the Star Tribune, Robinson fulfilled fans' dreams in 2006 when he took his own holiday show on the road throughout the Midwest. Robinson had toured nationally for 15 years with celebrated pianist Lorie Line.

His sold-out performances prompted him to plan more performances for the 2007 Holiday Concert Tour. Robinson's holiday concert delivers innovative R&B, jazz, classical and seasonal arrangements for audiences of any age.

Robinson was voted "Best Male Vocalist" by Mpls. St. Paul Magazine, "Best Gospel Artist of 2004 and 2006" by the Minnesota Music Acad-

emy, and "Minnesota's Master Male Vocalist" by the Star Tribune.

Robinson will be joined by Holly Collison, a vocal artist deeply rooted in musical theater. Universal Music Group touts her as "harkening the likes of Dionne Warwick and Oleta Adams" and said she "covers a wide range with apparent ease and commanding impressive power." She has performed in such musicals as "Hello Dolly," "Jesus Christ Superstar," Verdi's comic opera "Falstaff" and "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

She has performed at the 2002 Minnesota Music Awards and "Minnesota Remembers: One Year Later," a 9/11 memorial event at the State Capitol. Collison teaches speech and vocal production at the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis.

The Twin Cities Community Gospel Choir is made up of singers of various musical experience, ethnic backgrounds, and ages to celebrate music and spirituality through the rich tradition of African American music.

Led by Robinson and backed by a talented ensemble of musicians, the choir is recognized for its heart and harmonies.

Since 1990, the choir has performed at the Minnesota State Fair, Historic State Theater, the Orpheum Theater, Central Baptist Church in St. Paul, the Ordway Theater, Red Wing Correctional Facility, People Serving People, 410 Homeless Shelter, the Governor's Mansion, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church and the Minneapolis Metrodome.

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