

A gospel comedy play is coming to UMES in May

It was a hit in Baltimore

The hit gospel musical stage play comedy *Ursula V. Battle's DisChord In The Choir* is coming to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in May. Director and actress extraordinaire **Dr. Della Dameron-Johnson** (Mama D) of UMES; the **Rev. Lewis Watson**, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Salisbury and owner of the Lewis N. Watson Funeral Home in Salisbury, MD; and legendary singing group The Sons of Thunder are among the local personalities who will be making appearances. The performance will be at the Ella Fitzgerald Center for Performing Arts for two shows only. Show times are Sat., May 15, 2010 at 7 p.m. and Sun., May 16, 2010 at 3:30 p.m.

Performances will include special appearances by The UMES Gospel Choir, The UMES Drama Society, UMES students, and Baltimore comedienne "Miss Maybelle." The play also features a talented cast of singers, musicians, actors, actresses, and other performers from Baltimore and other areas.

The exciting new comedy premiered in 2008 at Coppin State U. in Baltimore and received rave reviews. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. A special group rate of \$17 is available for groups of 10 or more. Preferred seating tickets are \$25. Tickets can be purchased at UMES, Office of Dr. Della Dameron-Johnson, Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center, Room 1105 and at The Gospel Shop, 800 Salisbury Road in Salisbury. To purchase tickets online, additional ticket locations, or more information visit: www.dischordinthechoir.com or call 443-531-4787 or go to facebook.com/ubattle.

Dr. Dameron-Johnson, who is known for her outstanding Dinner Theatre shows, will portray the unforgettable Mother of the Church "Mother Pearl Carter," whose antics will leave you in stitches. Rev. Watson will make appearances in the play as both a pastor and an undertaker. The Sons of Thunder and The UMES Gospel Choir will perform during the play, while The UMES Drama Society and several UMES students will be portraying congregation members and other characters.

The play is written by Baltimore native and popular playwright Ursula V. Battle, and is being presented by Write On Productions, LLC. Battle made her debut as a playwright in 2002 with her production titled, *Ursula V. Battle's The Teachers' Lounge* in Baltimore. Battle's other productions include *Widows In The Hood*, and *FOR BETTER OR WORSE*.

The hilarious gospel comedy is intertwined with biblical lessons. Directed by Tracey Stephenson,



Rev. Lewis Watson



Dameron-Johnson

DisChord In The Choir incorporates real-life situations with side-splitting satire, making it hilarious at times, and deeply spiritual and thought-provoking at others.

Set in a small church called Pressing Forward in the Name of the Lord Tabernacle on the Hill Hallelujah Baptist Church, the musician for more than 40 years passes away suddenly. His untimely death causes "dischord" in "The Choir", who can no longer hit the right notes, and in the congregation. "Divine Intervention" might be needed to find a successor.

Will Pressing Forward in the Name of the Lord Tabernacle on the Hill Hallelujah Baptist Church ever find a new musician? Will they ever again sing a joyful noise? Will they ever again sing on one accord? You will have to go see this play to find out.



It's The Exciting New Stageplay Gospel Musical Comedy
URSULA V. BATTLE'S
DISCHORD IN THE CHOIR

PLAYING AT
 The University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES)
 The Ella Fitzgerald Center for Performing Arts
 30556 Student Services Lane, Princess Anne, MD 21853

2 SHOWS ONLY!
SAT. MAY 15 7pm
SUN. MAY 16 3:30pm 2010

**** APPEARANCES BY
 The UMES Gospel Choir; The UMES Drama Society; UMES' Dr. Della Dameron Johnson (Mama D); Rev. Lewis Watson, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Salisbury/Watson Funeral Home; The Sons of Thunder; Ms. Maybelle & More

**** DIRECTED BY Tracey Stephenson

Presented by Write On Productions, LLC
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 \$17 group rate (10 or more in advance)

Tickets Can Be Purchased At The Following Locations:
 Dr. Della Dameron-Johnson The Gospel Shop
 The Ella Fitzgerald Performing Arts Center, Room 1105 800 S. Salisbury Road, Salisbury MD 21801
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