

Marcus Johnson: A Repeat Gala Performance



Renowned jazz keyboardist, composer and producer **Marcus Johnson** will be returning to the area to perform at the **Gregory B. Davis Foundation's (GBDF) 10th Annual Valentine's Gala on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 8:00 p.m. until Midnight.** The event will be held again at the Kirkwood Adams Community Center in Roanoke Rapids, NC and will benefit GBDF's People's Wellness Project providing free monthly health clinics and community health forums. This will be an evening of live jazz, dancing, food, wine and sheer elegance.

Marcus continues to stand strong with his latest CD titled ***Poetically Justified***, released June 2009 with a debut at #10 on the Billboard Contemporary Jazz Charts. ***Poetically Justified*** marks Johnson's eleventh solo jazz record and is Johnson's most unique and multifaceted album to date. His experience and passion provide the perfect platform for this newest musical masterpiece, best described as a combination of smooth urban jazz with a slice of funk.

Prior to the release of ***Poetically Justified*** Johnson's most recent project was the groundbreaking **Billboard Top 15 Contemporary Jazz FLO series**. The series consisted of three distinct albums – ***FLO: Chill (#7)***, ***FLO: Romance, (#7)*** and ***FLO: Standards (#2)***. Johnson's previous 2007 solo release, ***The Phoenix***, was widely lauded by jazz critics and aficionados alike. Just as with Johnson's 10 previous albums, *The Phoenix* peaked at #6 on Billboard's Contemporary Jazz charts.



Johnson's educational background compliments his career success story as both an artist and entrepreneur. While pursuing both a JD and MBA at Georgetown University, Johnson independently produced and distributed his first album in 1997, ***Lessons in Love***. The album went on to sell 40,000 units – unprecedented for an unknown artist's debut release. For more info about Marcus, visit www.threekeys.com/mj/home.html

For gala tickets and more information, please call (252) 536-3799 or (301) 593-0644. For more information about GBDF, please visit GBDF at www.gbdf.org.