



Performance Resumé of Wintley A. Phipps

Wintley Augustus Phipps was born in Trinidad, West Indies and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He attended Kingsway College, a Christian Academy; Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama where he received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Theology; and earned a Masters of Divinity Degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Mr. Phipps also holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Waynesburg University and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Oakwood University.

Wintley Phipps is an ordained pastor, world-renowned vocal artist, motivational speaker, and education activist. He is the founder, president and chief executive officer of the *U.S. Dream Academy, Inc.*, a national after-school program that aims to break the cycle of incarceration by giving children the skills and vision necessary to lead productive and fulfilling lives. The Dream Academy program offers skill-building, character-building and dream-building activities in a safe after-school environment utilizing both one-to-one mentoring as well as state of the art technology to deliver on-line academic enrichment to children of incarcerated parents and those falling behind in school. A humanitarian and visionary, Mr. Phipps inspires others to excellence and the realization of their life goals.

Mr. Phipps currently serves on Miss America's Outstanding Teen Board of Directors; and the Three Angels Broadcasting Network Board of Directors. He has also brought his considerable skills to a number of organizations where he served formerly including the Scholarship of America Board of Directors; Council for Religious Freedom and Prison Fellowship Ministries. Mr. Phipps served as the Assistant to the President of Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama; and Assistant to the President of Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland. For his work at the U.S. Dream Academy Mr. Phipps has received numerous service awards, among them: *the Excellence in Mentoring for Program Leadership Award* from MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership; the Oprah Winfrey Angel Network *Use Your Life Award* and *Philanthropist of the Year* from The National Center for Black Philanthropy, Inc..

Mr. Phipps has been the featured speaker and performer for many notable occasions around the world. On January 21, 2009 his celebrated rendition of "Amazing Grace" was performed for the 56th Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service attended by President Barack and First Lady Michelle Obama and Vice President Joseph and Dr. Jill Biden at the Washington National Cathedral. On January 2nd, 2007 by special request of Ms. Oprah Winfrey, Mr. Phipps delivered an inspirational message and prayer for the opening of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa. Hosted by Congress, Wintley has sung for Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, William Jefferson Clinton, and George W. Bush at annual National Presidential Prayer Breakfast events and other distinguished celebrations. Wintley was selected by Oprah Winfrey to offer musical interpretations for her week-long coverage of the "9/11" tragedy and was asked to pen a special prayer for her to deliver in tribute to the lives lost. He has met President Nelson Mandela of South Africa; performed for the 2005 pre-inaugural swearing-in ceremony of President George Bush; both the 1984 and 1988 National Democratic Conventions for Reverend Jesse Jackson; performed at Congressional Gold Medal Ceremonies in the White House for Mother Teresa of Calcutta and The Little Rock Nine; the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. television special; Focus on the Family 25th Anniversary Celebration; the National Urban League; Dr. Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power* Telecast; the Billy Graham Crusades; the Vatican for Pope John Paul II; the Rosa Parks Birthday Celebration at the Kennedy Center; and special guest soloist at Diana Ross' wedding ceremony in Switzerland. He has also conducted lectures in Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, and North and South America.

Mr. Phipps has performed on *Saturday Night Live* as well as *Sunday Live* and has been the special guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show and CBS Nightwatch. Mr. Phipps was nominated for Grammy Awards in 1988 and 1989. He is the author of **The Power of A Dream** (1996), founder of *Songs of Freedom Publishing Company* and *Coral Records Recording Company*.

Mr. Phipps is married to the lovely Linda Diane Galloway Phipps (an RN) and they have been blessed with three fine sons: Wintley Augustus, II, Winston Adriel, and Wade Alexander.