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Minister of Social Development and Family Services Lauds Gospel Industry

Port-of-Spain --- Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox attended and spoke at the 4th Annual Gospel Music Awards of Trinidad and Tobago (GMATT), on Sunday 7th March 2021 at Queens Hall, St Anns. Also in attendance were her Cabinet Colleagues, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts, Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell and Minister of Education, Senator the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly.

The event's theme was "One Nation, One Community and One People", where the awardees in the various categories and genres of gospel music were recognized and awarded. GMATT recognized a plethora of artistes, such as Denyse Plummer, Positive, Michelle Sylvester, John Thomas and Blessed Messenger. Minister Cox was thrilled by the high levels of professionalism portrayed by the organizers of the event, Celian International and lauded the efforts of industry members, inclusive of producers, sponsors and artistes alike. She had the pleasure of presenting several of the awards at the event.

During her feature remarks at the ceremony, the Minister expressed that: "Our experiences with COVID-19 and its associated destruction to humanity, reminded us that Gospel music provides a way for people to maintain balance in their lives, to maintain peace of mind in the midst of the storms of life. Sometimes it is just that song at the right time; that perfect message, making the right impact in our lives that helps us find balance when things appear out of balance."

She further highlighted that Gospel music truly reminds us that there is always a higher power at work, despite the tribulations of the world we live in today. "Gospel music is indeed very important over the world and it is important to us here in Trinidad and Tobago. It will encourage and uplift us, as we face the challenges of COVID-19 and the many other social and economic challenges that come our way. It reminds us that we can have joy, hope, and courage no matter what life sends our way."

Minister Cox commended the winners and nominees and indicated that she looks forward to attending the fifth edition of the distinguished event next year.



Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox delivers the feature remarks at the 4th Annual Gospel Music Awards of Trinidad and Tobago (GMATT), on Sunday.



Minister of Social Development and Family Services, Senator the Honourable Donna Cox presents the resilience award to Cristan "Soundmind" Daniel.



(L-R) Blessed Messenger, Joshua Ali and Jahzy the Voice perform during the 4th Annual Gospel Music Awards of Trinidad and Tobago

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